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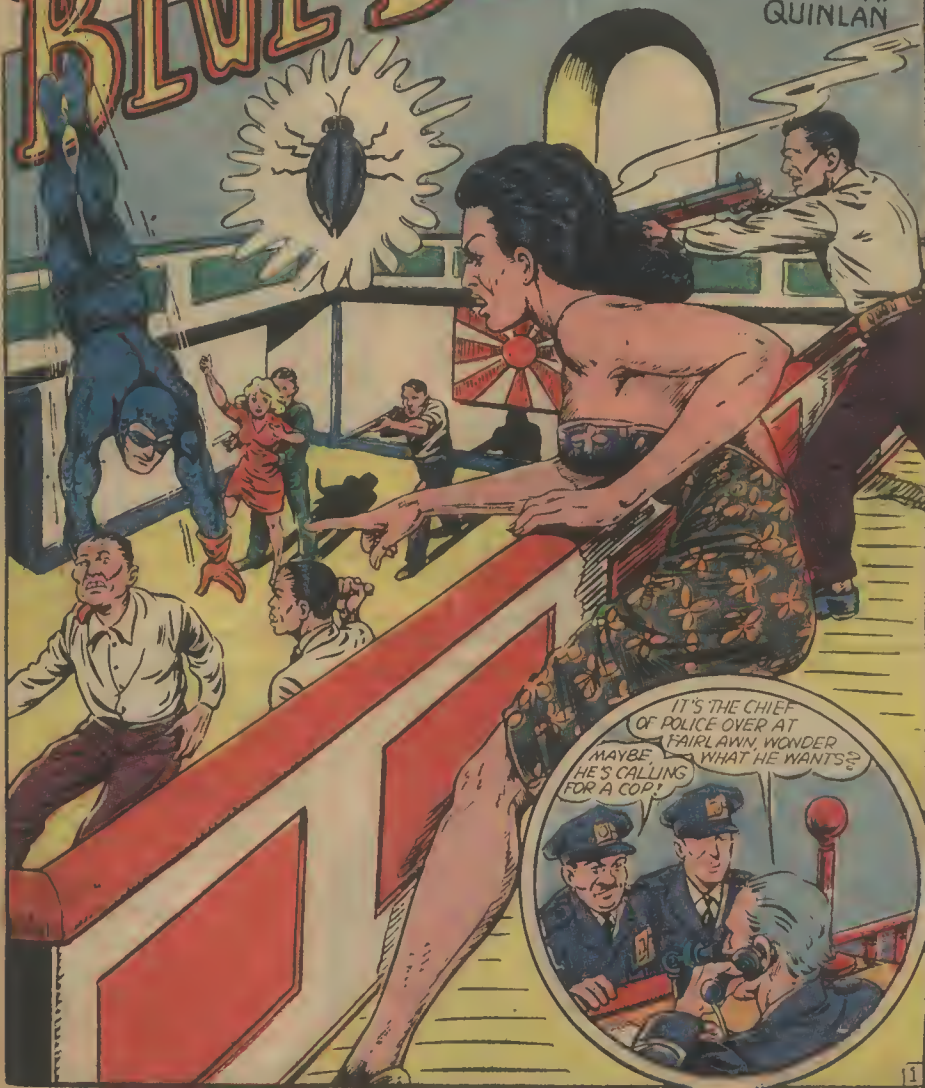
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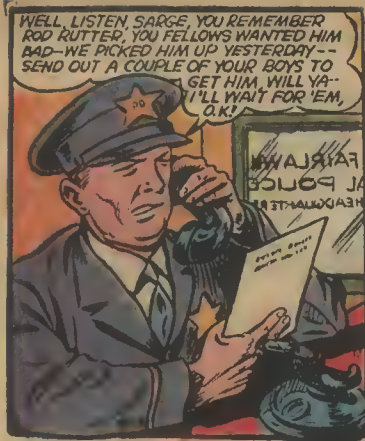
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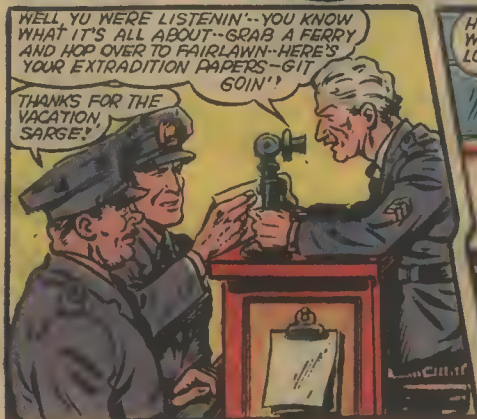




WELL, LISTEN, SARGE, YOU REMEMBER ROD RUTTER, YOU FELLOWS WANTED HIM BAD--WE PICKED HIM UP YESTERDAY-- SEND OUT A COUPLE OF YOUR BOYS TO GET HIM, WILL YA-- I'LL WAIT FOR 'EM, O.K.!

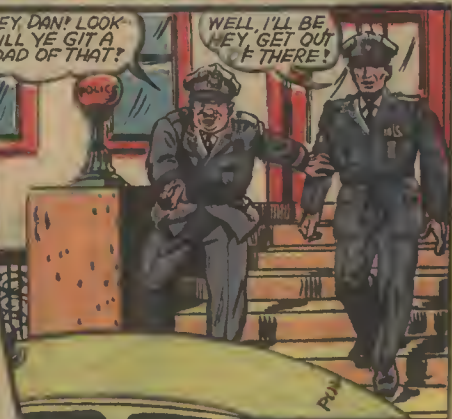


ROD RUTTER, WELL, I'LL BE--GOOD WORK, CHIEF, SURE, TWO MEN ARE LEAVIN' RIGHT NOW, TO TAKE HIM OFF YOUR HANDS--BYE, AND THANKS!



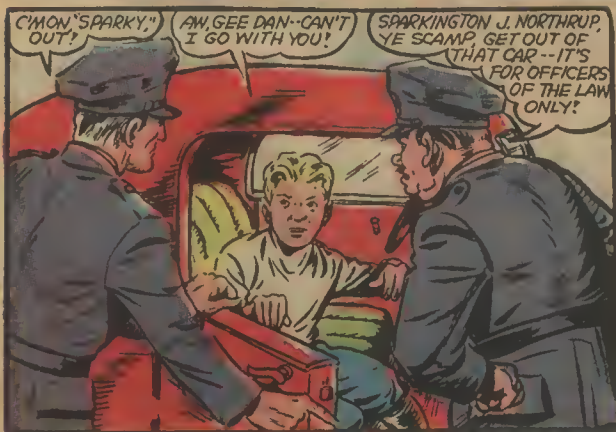
WELL, YU WERE LISTENIN'--YOU KNOW WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT--GRAB A FERRY AND HOP OVER TO FAIRLAWN--HERE'S YOUR EXTRADITION PAPERS--GIT GOIN'!

THANKS FOR THE VACATION, SARGE!



HEY, DAN! LOOK--WILL YE GIT A LOAD OF THAT?

WELL, I'LL BE HEY, GET OUT F THERE!



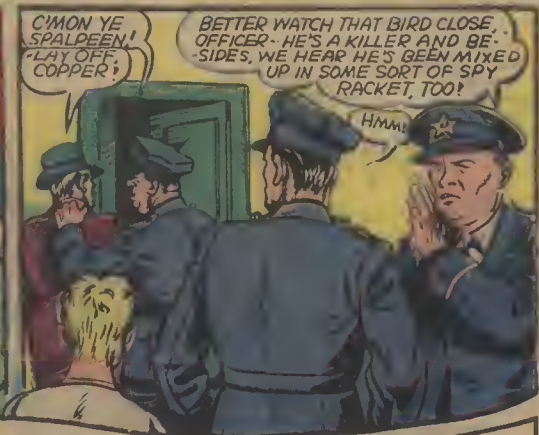
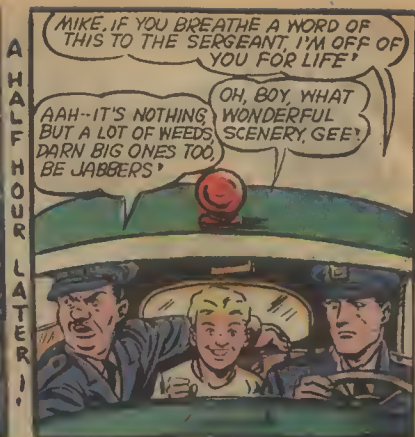
C'MON "SPARKY," OUT?

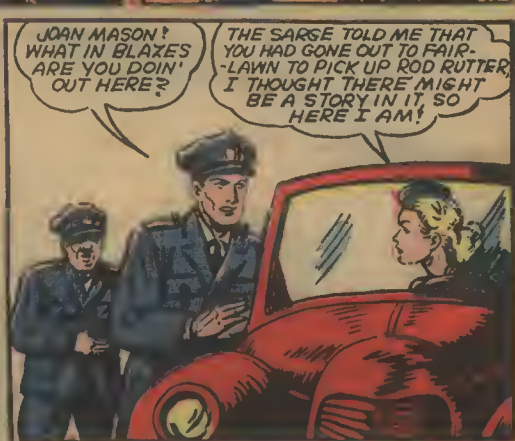
AW, GEE DAN--CAN'T I GO WITH YOU!

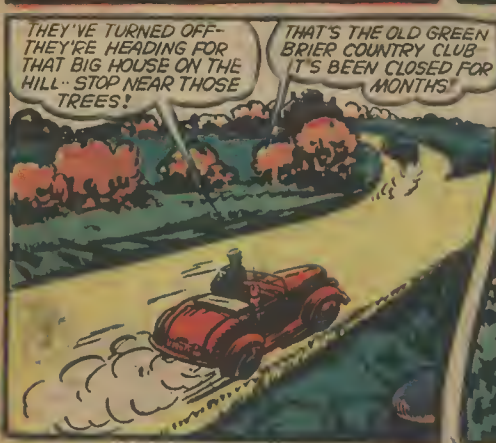
SPARKINGTON J. NORTHROP, YE SCAMP, GET OUT OF THAT CAR--IT'S FOR OFFICERS OF THE LAW ONLY!



SORRY, "SPARKY," BUT WE'VE GOT TO EXTRADITE A DANGEROUS CRIMINAL FROM THE NEIGHBORING STATE--SO, I'M SORRY, BUT NOTHING DOING! C'MON, SCRAM!









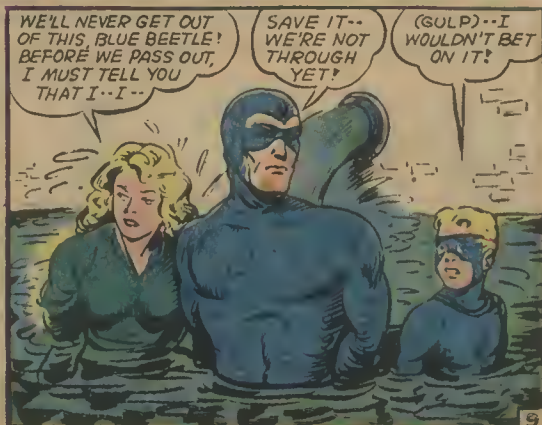
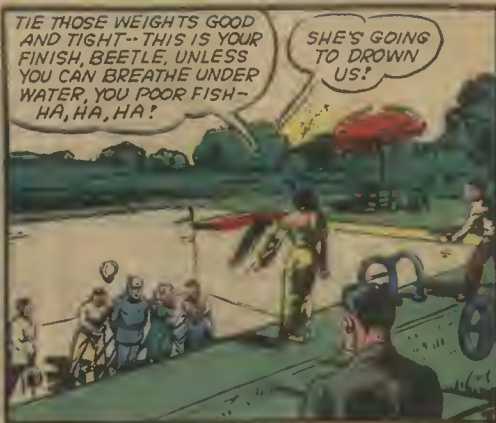
OFF COMES DAN AND SPARKINGTON'S OUTER GARMENTS TO REVEAL THEMSELVES AS THE MIGHTY "BLUE BEETLE" AND "SPARKY," HIS DARING "SIDE KICK!"

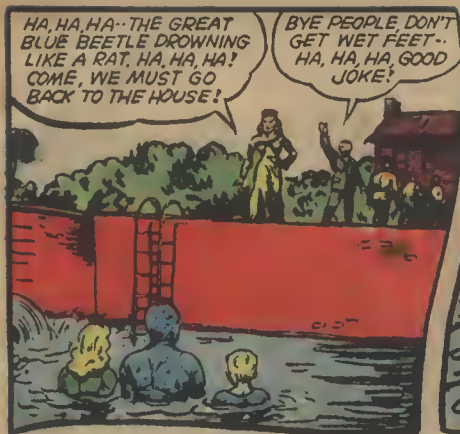






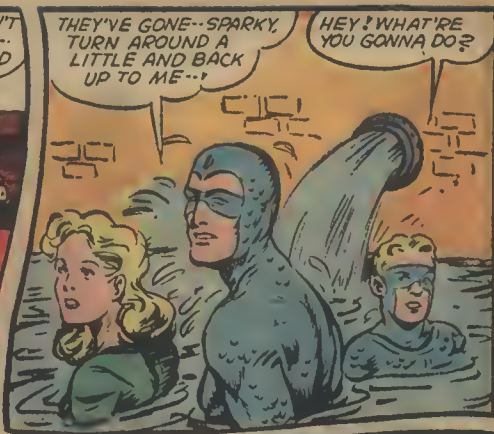
TEN MINUTES LATER!





HA, HA, HA--THE GREAT BLUE BEETLE DROWNING LIKE A RAT. HA, HA, HA! COME, WE MUST GO BACK TO THE HOUSE!

BYE PEOPLE, DON'T GET WET FEET-- HA, HA, HA, GOOD JOKE!



THEY'VE GONE--SPARKY, TURN AROUND A LITTLE AND BACK UP TO ME--!

HEY! WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO?



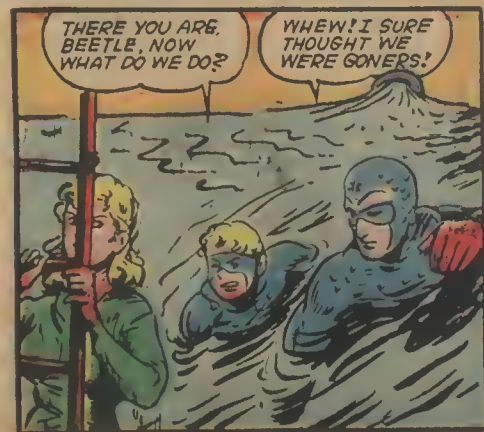
WHEN I RECOVERED CONSCIOUSNESS, I PICKED UP A PIECE OF GLASS FROM THAT VASE SHE BUSTED OVER MY HEAD--THAT'S GOOD, NOW STAY THERE WHILE I CUT YOUR BONDS!

HURRY, IT'S UP TO MY MOUTH!



YOU'RE FREE, NOW CUT JOAN LOOSE, HURRY!

I'M A DOIN' IT, STOP SHAKIN' WILL YOU!



THERE YOU ARE, BEETLE, NOW WHAT DO WE DO?

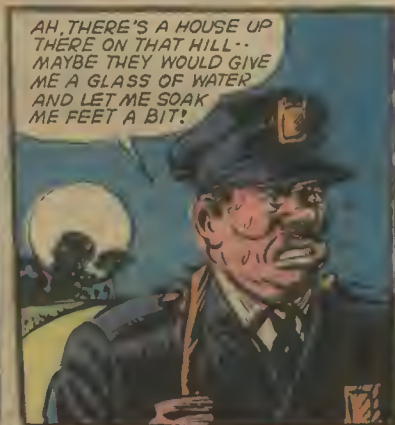
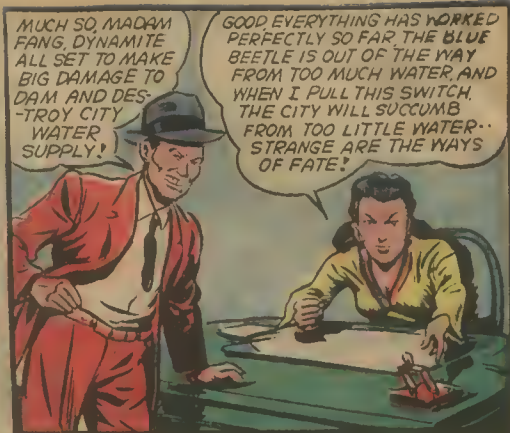
WHUEW! I SURE THOUGHT WE WERE GONERS!



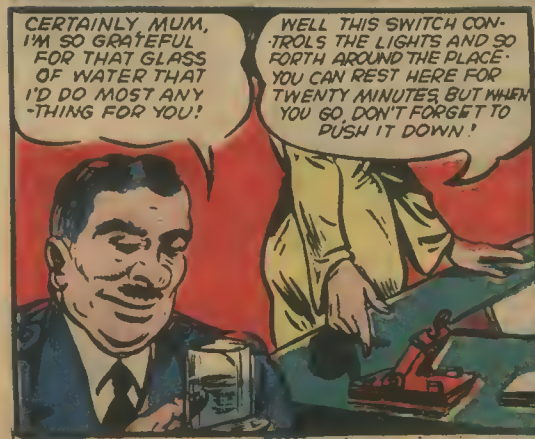
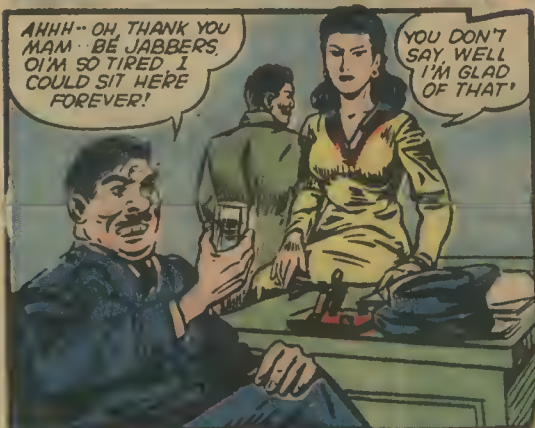
WE'RE GOING BACK TO VISIT MADAM FANS! WE'VE GOT A SCORE TO SETTLE WITH HER!

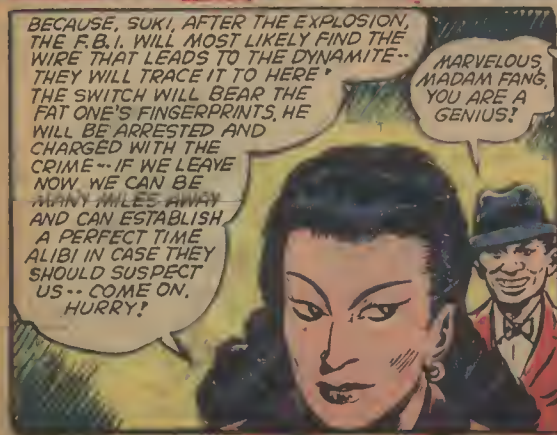
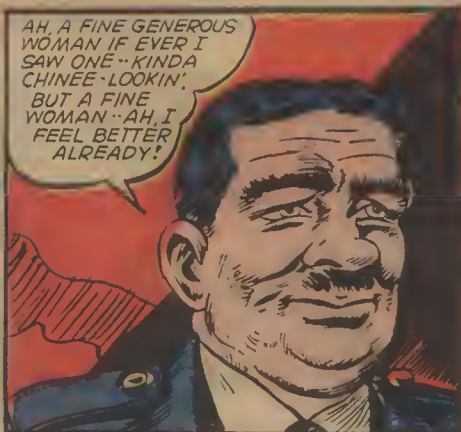
I'M A MESS! WAIT 'TIL I GET MY HANDS ON HER!

LET'S GO!



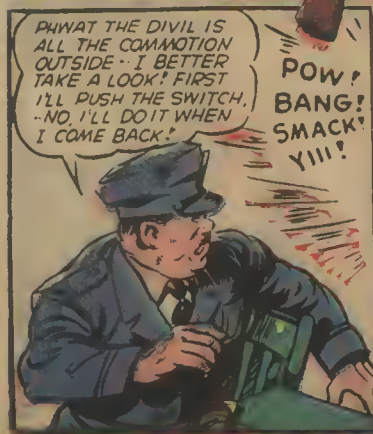
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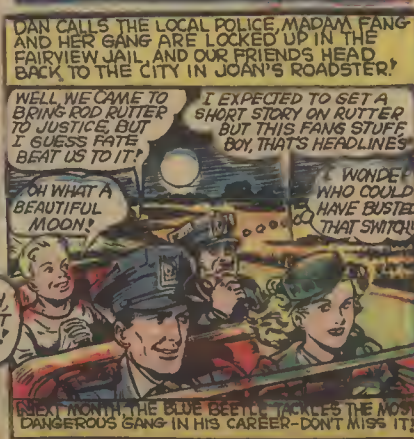
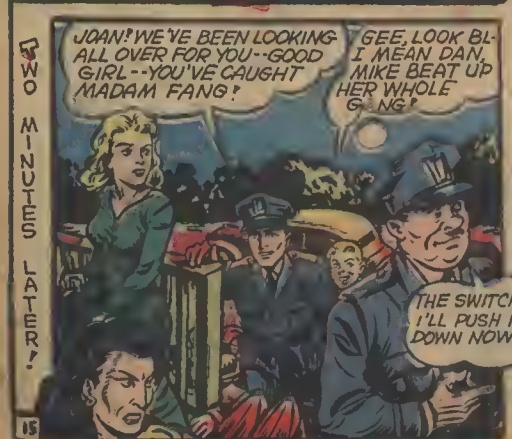
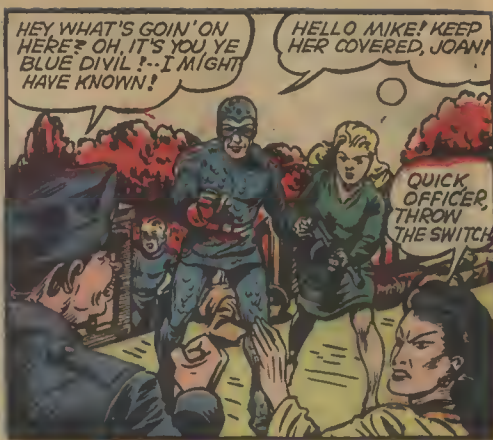


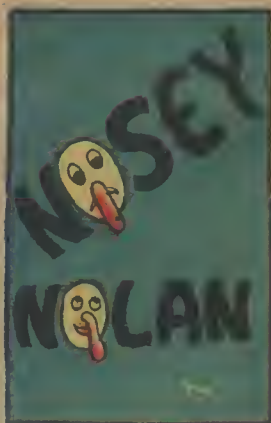




BUT THIS TIME, THE BLUE BEETLE AND SPARKY ARE REALLY GOING TO TOWN!!







NOSEY NOLAN WAS TEASED SO MUCH ABOUT HIS BIG NOSE THAT HE DECIDED TO GO TO THE BIG CITY FOR A PLASTIC OPERATION!

BOY, IF I ONLY HAD A SMALLER NOSE, I COULD BE A MOVIE STAR LIKE ROBERT TAYLOR!



DOCTOR SCAPEL IS THE GREATEST DOCTOR IN THE COUNTRY-- HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO HELP ME!



SO, YOU WANT A SMALLER NOSE, EH? WELL, I'VE BEEN EXPERIMENTING WITH A SKIN SHRINKING SOLUTION-- IF YOU'RE WILLING TO TAKE THE CHANCE, I'LL GIVE YOU A TREATMENT!



OKAY, I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU SAY!

SEE, IT'S VERY SIMPLE! I APPLY MY SHRINKO FORMULA WITH A COMMON ORDINARY PAINT BRUSH!



HEE, HEE, IT TICKLES!

G-GOSH! DO YA THINK IT'LL WORK?

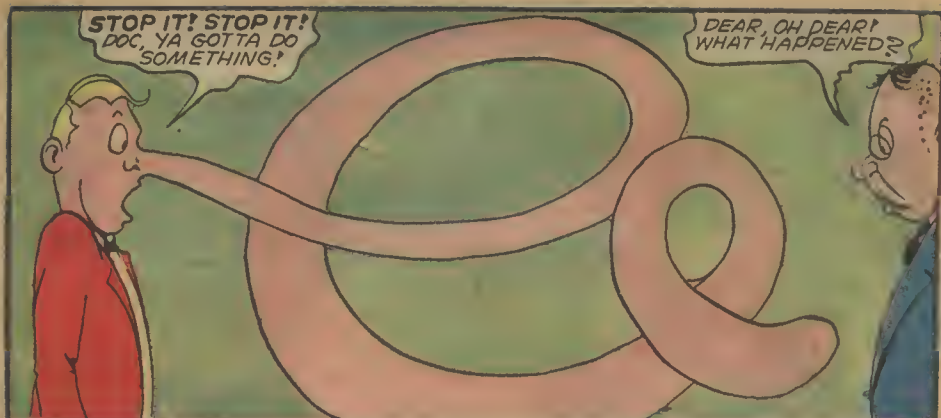


WORK? WHY IN FIVE MINUTES YOU'LL LOOK LIKE AN ADONIS!

WHAT TH--! THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE!



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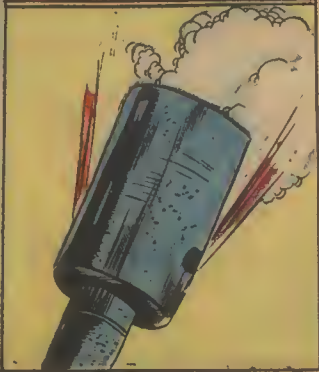
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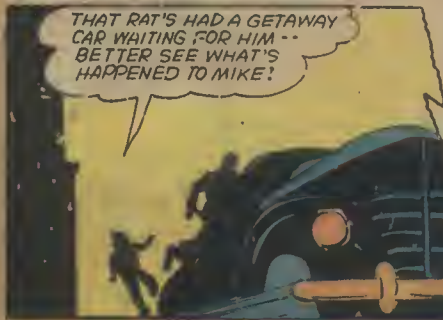
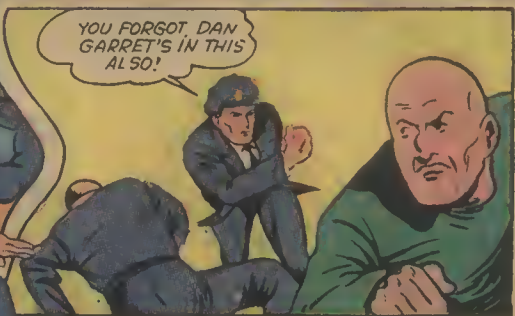


IT'S THE PRISON
SIREN MIKE...SOUNDS
LIKE A BREAK!

LET'S GO DAN
THAT MEANS WORK
FOR US!



ON THEIR BEAT, PATROLMAN DAN GARRET
AND MIKE MANNIGAN ARE QUICK TO
RECOGNIZE THE WARNING SIGNAL!



ENGLAND, AT A PORT OF EMBARKATION, ANOTHER DRAMA IS IN THE MAKING-- ONE THAT WILL CLOSELY KNIT THE LIVES OF THE BLUE BEETLE AND AN ENGLISH LAD!

I'M SURE MY SON, SPARKINGTON, WILL BE MOST COMFORTABLE ABOARD YOUR SHIP, CAPTAIN!

THANK YOU, LORD NORTHRUP, WE'LL DO ALL IN OUR POWER TO SEE HIM SAFELY TO AMERICA!

STOP! PICTURES ARE PROHIBITED-- HERE, ..

A PICTURE OF THE LAD WON'T HURT ANYONE!

HAND OVER THAT CAMERA, YOU!

IF IT AIN'T ALLOWED, I'LL JUST TOSS IT AWAY!

SORRY, SPARKINGTON, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO HELP! HOP DYER AND SEE IF YOU CAN FIND THAT CAMERA!

HIS HEAD'S TURNED! THAT GIVES ME A CHANCE TO BEAT IT!

HALT--HALT! CONFOUND IT-- THE DEVIL'S LIKE GREASED LIGHTNING!

I'M SORRY SIR-- I'VE SEARCHED ALL OVER, SEEMS LIKE THE CAMERA HAS VANISHED INTO THIN AIR!

AND SO HAS THE BLIGHTER, I'LL NOTIFY NAVAL INTELLIGENCE AND WE'LL SET SAIL IMMEDIATELY!

AS THE SHIP SLIPS OUT TO JOIN A CONVOY AT SEA, THE INCIDENT IS REVIEWED IN THE OFFICE OF BRITISH NAVAL INTELLIGENCE!

--AND THE CAMERA WAS UNDOUBTEDLY PICKED UP BY A CONFEDERATE-- IT'S CLEAR, ALL THEY WANTED WAS THE LAD'S PICTURE!

LORD NORTHRUP IS A POWERFUL MAN HERE! THE AXIS AGENTS WILL FORWARD THE PHOTO TO THEIR MEN IN AMERICA, AND--

YOU THINK THEY MAY USE SPARKINGTON AS A MEANS TO FORCE LORD NORTHRUP INTO SOMETHING UNSCRUPULOUS?

THE AXIS DOGS WILL TRY ANYTHING-- I'LL NOTIFY AMERICA TO KEEP THE STRICTEST WATCH ON YOUNG SPARKINGTON!

3 DAYS LATER IN AMERICA-- PATROLMEN DAN GARRET AND MIKE MANNIGAN ARE ASSIGNED TO SPECIAL DUTY--!

--A CONVOY'S ARRIVING SECRETLY IN HALF AN HOUR AND THE BOY IS COMING HERE FOR THE DURATION! WE'VE BEEN WARNED, ENEMY AGENTS MAY TRY TO KIDNAP HIM!



STUDY THIS PICTURE OF THE KID, AND HOP OVER TO THE DOCK--KEEP A CLOSE WATCH AND TAKE HIM TO THE CARTWRIGHT'S--HE'S GOING TO STAY THERE!

WITH US ON THE JOB, HE'S AS GOOD AS THERE!



LATER AT THE WATER FRONT!

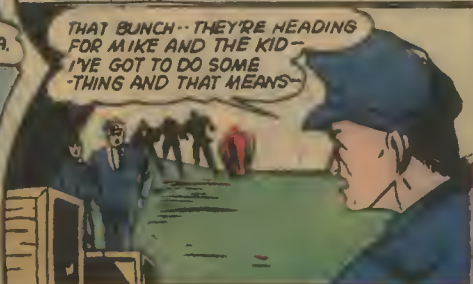
GOOD IDEA, DAN!

THERE HE COMES-- NOW, MIKE, YOU GO MEET HIM--- I'LL KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS FROM HERE!



AS MANNIGAN ESCORTS THE LAD, DAN SEES--

THAT BUNCH--THEY'RE HEADING FOR MIKE AND THE KID-- I'VE GOT TO DO SOME-THING AND THAT MEANS--



IN A SPLIT SECOND, DAN ADOPTS THE ROLE OF THE MIGHTY CRUSADER--!

IT'S TIME FOR THE BLUE BEETLE TO START STINGING!



HAUTMAN! DUCK BEHIND ME, KID! THIS GESTAPO KILLER WON'T GET HIS HANDS ON YOU WHILE I'M HERE!



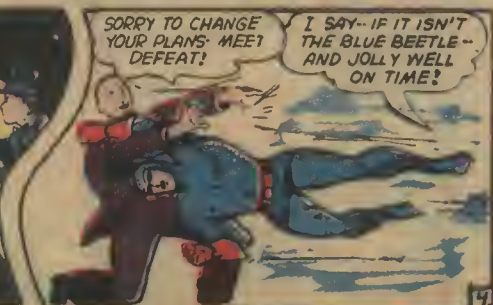
SO, THE OFFICER PLAYS HEROICS? GRAB THE KID WHILE I GIVE HIM A TASTE OF

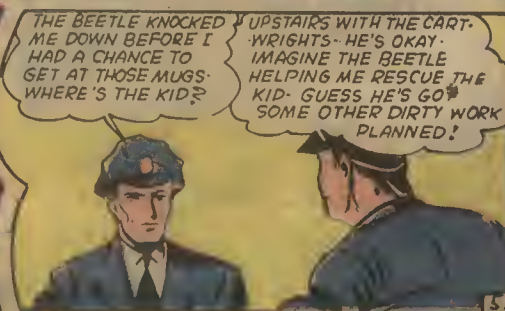
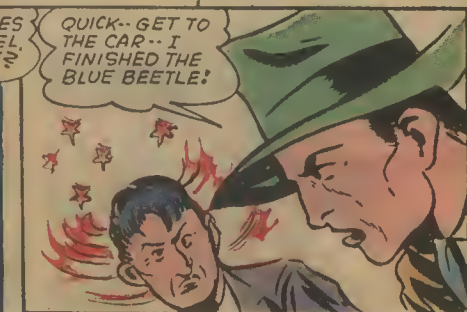
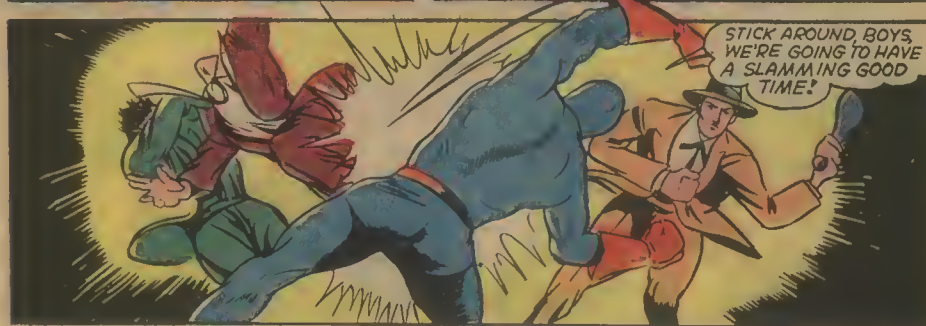
CAN'T WASTE TIME-- I'LL HITCH A RIDE!



SORRY TO CHANGE YOUR PLANS-- MEET DEFEAT!

I SAY-- IF IT ISN'T THE BLUE BEETLE-- AND JOLLY WELL ON TIME!





THE FOLLOWING DAY, SPARKINGTON'S PPEARANCE IS THE OBJECT OF MUCH DISCUSSION IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

HEY, FELLAS, GET A LOAD OF THE SUIT ON THAT ENGLISH KID!

LOOKS TOO CLEAN, DON'T HE? C'MON, LET'S HAVE SOME FUN WITH HIM!

SCRAM, YOU MUGS, I'M THE TOUGHEST GUY HERE, SO I'LL HAVE THE FUN! WATCH ME!

HEY, FANCY PANTS, I DON'T LIKE YOU OR ANYTHING ABOUT YOU!

SORRY OLD BOY, BUT THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT!

WELL I CAN-- HAVE A SEAT, MUG!

I DARE SAY YOU'RE QUITE AN UNRULY BOUNDER, BUT I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO EXCUSE YOU!

YOU LEAVE ME NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO HAND YOU A SOUND THRASHING!

GLOSE BY, DAN AND MIKE ARE WATCHING---

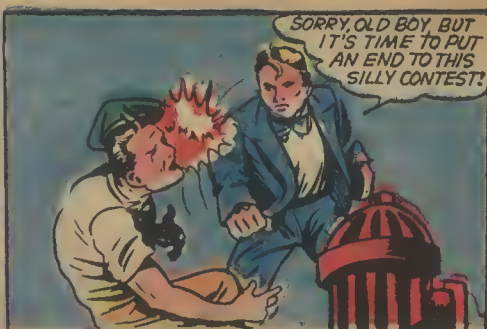
SPARKINGTON'S HEADING FOR TROUBLE--WE'D BETTER STOP THEM!

HOLD ON, MIKE--WONT HURT TO HAVE THE KID LEARN HOW TO PROTECT HIMSELF!

THIS IS WHAT I MEAN!



--AND ALSO THAT!



SORRY, OLD BOY BUT IT'S TIME TO PUT AN END TO THIS SILLY CONTEST!



I'LL THANK YOU TO SAY WHEN YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH!

STOP STOP, ENOUGH, ENOUGH!



WOW, IT LOOKS LIKE THE KID IS O.K., EH MIKE?

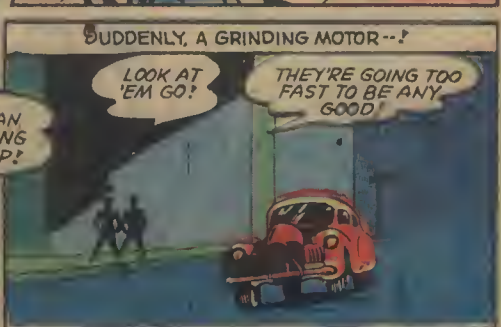
BEGORRA, THAT HE IS!



THAT NIGHT, OUTSIDE SPARKINGTON'S TEMPORARY HOME!

HOW'S OUR ENGLISH FRIEND DOING, MIKE?

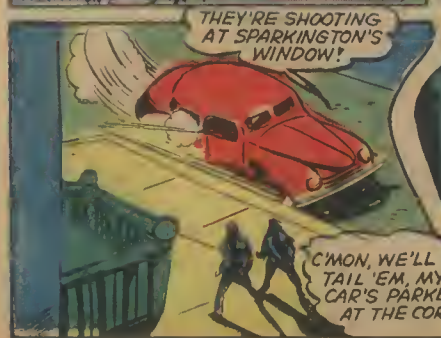
O.K. DAN HE'S GOING TO SLEEP!



SUDDENLY, A GRINDING MOTOR--!

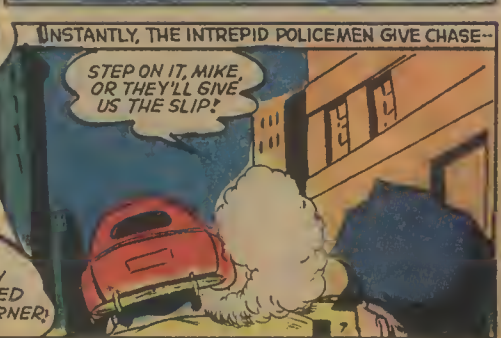
LOOK AT 'EM GO!

THEY'RE GOING TOO FAST TO BE ANY GOOD!



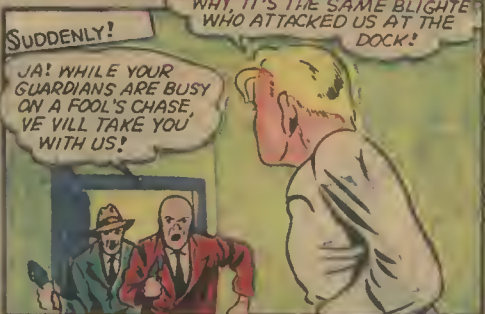
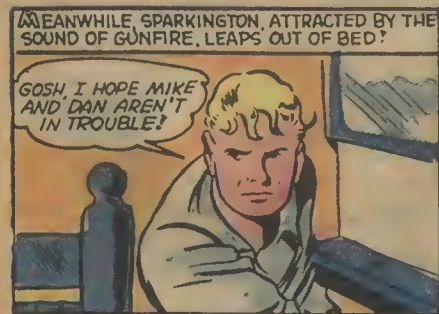
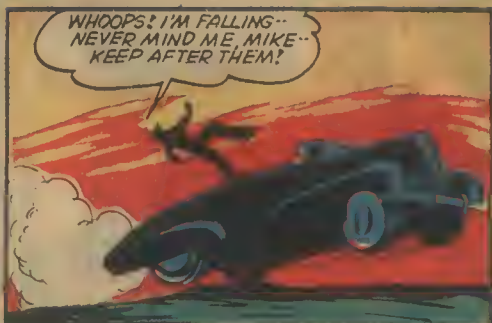
THEY'RE SHOOTING AT SPARKINGTON'S WINDOW!

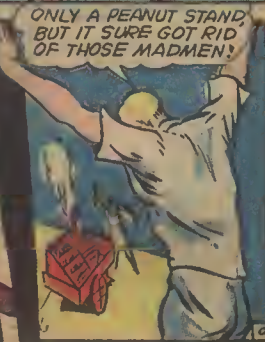
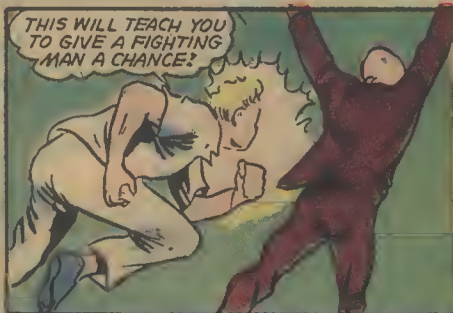
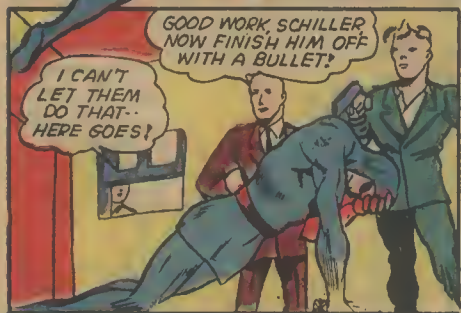
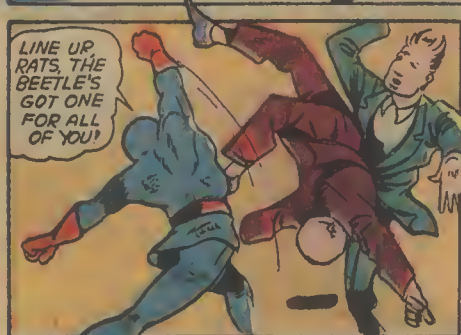
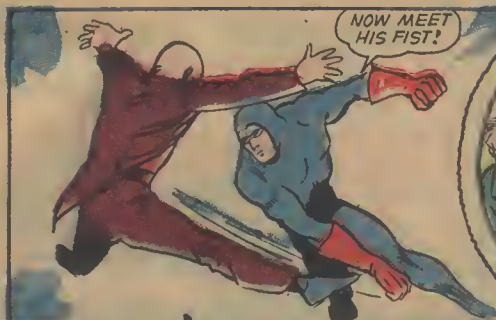
C'MON, WE'LL TAIL 'EM, MY CAR'S PARKED AT THE CORNER!

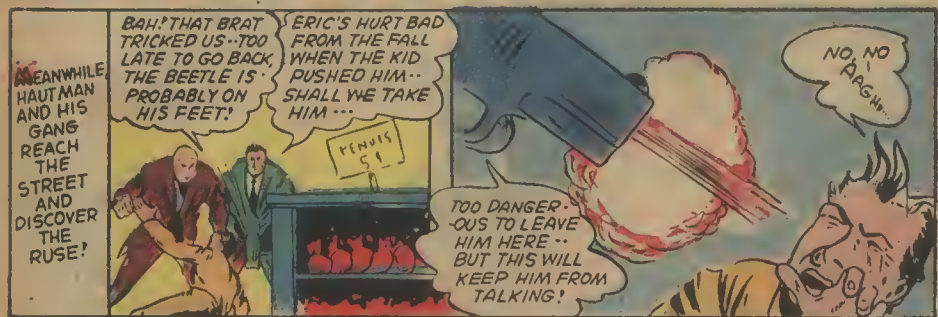


INSTANTLY, THE INTREPID POLICEMEN GIVE CHASE--

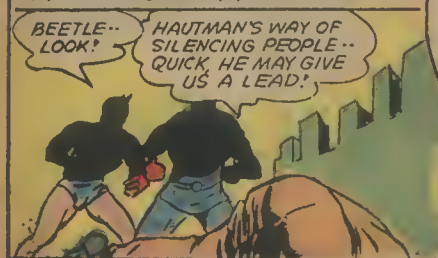
STEP ON IT, MIKE, OR THEY'LL GIVE US THE SLIP!



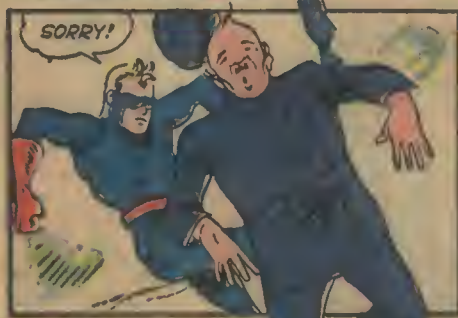




As HAUTMAN AND HIS MURDERERS RIDE OFF,
THE BLUE BEETLE AND HIS NEW FOUND PART-
NER IN CRIME BUSTING, RACE OUTSIDE!



BUT AT THIS POINT, MIKE MANNIGAN RETURNS--HIS QUICK MIND MAKES ANOTHER DEDUCTION...



FROM HIS HIDING PLACE, SPARKY SEES HIS PARTNER IN THE HANDS OF THE KILLERS!

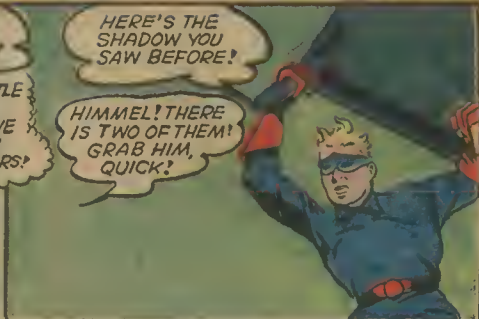


THESE ROPES WILL HOLD HIM UNTIL WE EXECUTE HIM!

THE BLUE BEETLE GOT HIMSELF TRAPPED TO SAVE ME--I'LL SHOW THOSE BLIGHTERS!

HERE'S THE SHADOW YOU SAW BEFORE!

HIMMEL! THERE IS TWO OF THEM! GRAB HIM, QUICK!



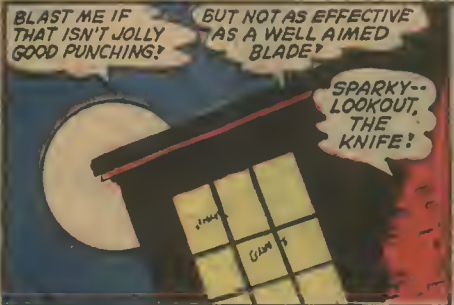
JUST TO SHOW YOU I WASN'T HOLDING THIS THING FOR AN ORNAMENT!



BLAST ME IF THAT ISN'T JOLLY GOOD PUNCHING!

BUT NOT AS EFFECTIVE AS A WELL AIMED BLADE!

SPARKY--LOOKOUT, THE KNIFE!



WITH THE SPEED OF LIGHT, SPARKY SHIFTS TO ONE SIDE--THE DEADLY BLADE WHIZZES BY AND TEARS INTO THE BLUE BEETLE'S BONDS!

WHAT A BREAK IT CUT THE CORDS!

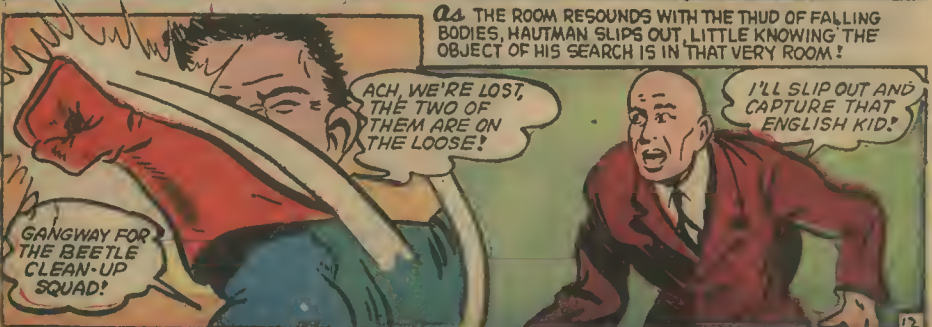


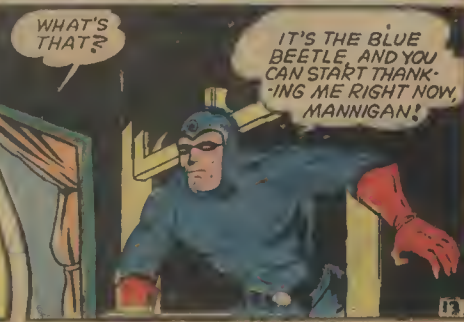
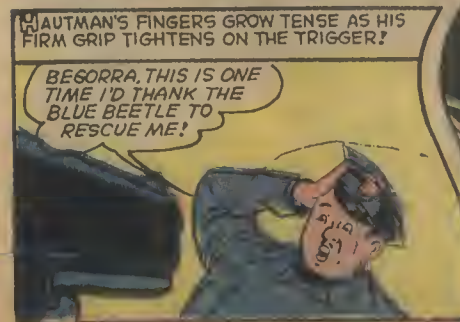
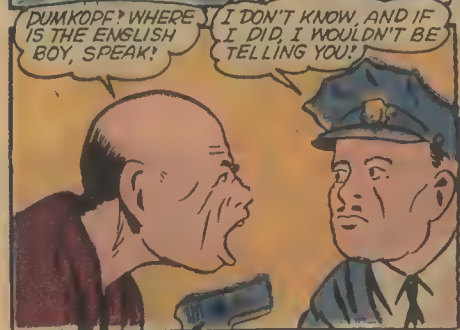
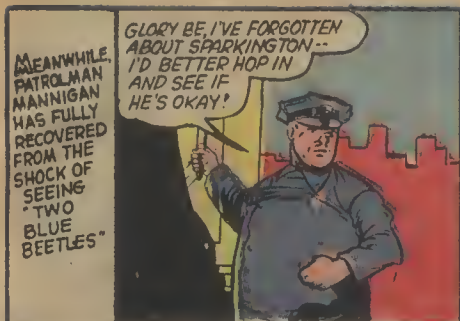
As THE ROOM RESOUNDS WITH THE THUD OF FALLING BODIES, HAUTMAN SLIPS OUT, LITTLE KNOWING THE OBJECT OF HIS SEARCH IS IN THAT VERY ROOM!

ACH, WE'RE LOST, THE TWO OF THEM ARE ON THE LOOSE!

I'LL SLIP OUT AND CAPTURE THAT ENGLISH KID!

GANGWAY FOR THE BEETLE CLEAN-UP SQUAD!







HA, HA, HAUT-MAN ALSO KNOWS A TRICK!

OW--MY HEAD?

THIS IS ONE MISSION FOR DER FEUHRER THAT I HAVE FAILED--I MUST SAVE MYSELF!



MEET THE BLUE BEETLE'S PARTNER!

NICE WORK, SPARKY!

I SEE, YOU'RE MAKING HIM FEEL AT HOME!



WE'LL TIE HIM UP AND LEAVE HIM FOR MIKE TO TURN IN!

HE CAN PICK UP THE REST OF THE GANG AT BEND STREET AND WE'LL---

YOU'LL TELL ME WHERE SPARKINGTON IS OR I'LL BLAST THE---

OH NO YOU WON'T BECAUSE THERE'S A THIRD BLUE BEETLE IN THIS!

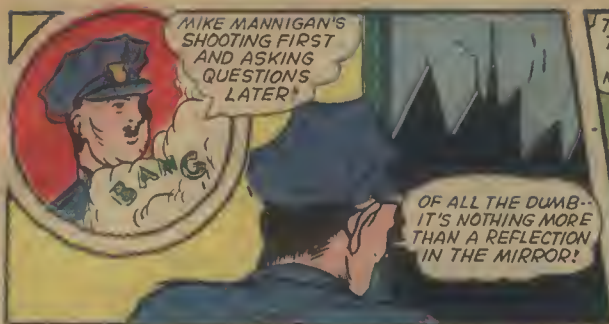
YOU'LL DO NOTHING BUT PUT YOUR HANDS UP!



WHERE--WHERE?

BETTER TURN FAST--HE'S RIGHT IN BACK OF YOU!

GLORY BE THERE'S THREE OF 'EM! BUT I'LL NOT BE TRICKED THIS TIME 'CAUSE---



MIKE MANNIGAN'S
SHOOTING FIRST
AND ASKING
QUESTIONS
LATER!

OF ALL THE DUMB--
IT'S NOTHING MORE
THAN A REFLECTION
IN THE MIRROR!



THE TWO DEVILS,
THEY'VE GONE!
BUT THEY'LL
NOT LOSE ME!

As MIKE REACHES THE OUTER DOOR--!



IT'S THEM--THEY'RE
COMING BACK FOR
SOMETHING--I'LL
HIDE!



THIS TIME I'LL
GET 'EM EVEN
IF THERE'S TEN
BEETLES!



OKAY, BEETLES,
REACH FOR
TH--!



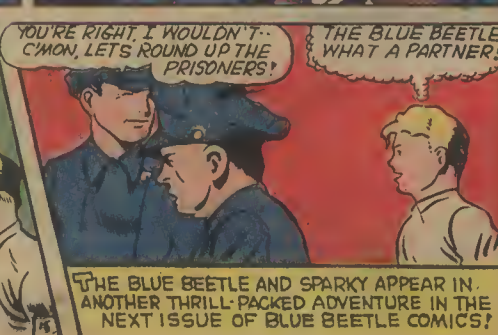
GOSH, MIKE
WHAT'S EAT-
ING YOU?

HAUTMAN'S TIED UP STAIRS
AND THE REST OF HIS GANG'S
AT THE BEND STREET HIDEOUT.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE TWO
BEETLES COMING BACK--SAY,
WHERE WERE YOU?



I HURT MY HAND WHEN I FELL
OUT OF THE CAR, SO I TOOK SPARK-
-INGTON WITH ME TO THE DOCTOR!
SAY, DID YOU SAY TWO
BLUE BEETLES?

SHURE AS I'M STANDING
HERE, THERE'S TWO OF 'EM!
OH, BUT I DON'T THINK
YOU'D UNDERSTAND, DAN!



YOU'RE RIGHT, I WOULDN'T--
C'MON, LET'S ROUND UP THE
PRISONERS!

THE BLUE BEETLE,
WHAT A PARTNER!

THE BLUE BEETLE AND SPARKY APPEAR IN
ANOTHER THRILL-PACKED ADVENTURE IN THE
NEXT ISSUE OF BLUE BEETLE COMICS!

FOUR SPIES

A three-quarter moon rode the sky as the turbulent waters of the Atlantic tumbled upon the shore in great undulating waves. Out of the night a large rowboat containing five men moved toward the beach. Four of the men were dressed in civilian clothes and the other wore a blue, crew-neck sweater and seaman's cap. Piled high in the rear of the boat was an assortment of boxes.

As the boat pulled into shore, the four civilians picked up the boxes and leaped onto the beach. Then the seaman put out to sea, alone. On the other side of the dunes that stretched along the beach, the men buried the boxes in the sand and, this done, walked silently into the night.

But they had not gone unseen, for a familiar figure, dressed in blue, rose from the dunes and started after the departing figures.

"Spies!" murmured the Blue Beetle.

Two hours later the four men mounted the steps of a dilapidated house in a lonely section of the city. One of them, a burly fellow, knocked three times and a moment later the door opened. Immediately after they entered the house, the Blue Beetle sprang from the shadows and darted across the street. Then he leaped onto the fire-escape on the side of the building and climbed to an upper floor where a dim light shone through a crack in the window shade.

In the meantime the four men had entered an apartment and were welcomed enthusiastically by a tall, bald-headed man with a florid face and bulbous nose. He grinned broadly as he directed his guests to make themselves comfortable.

"Good evening, gentlemen," he began. "I am happy to see that you have completed your journey successfully. Did you bring the plan of operations from Germany?"

"Yes, Herr Moltke," replied one of the men. "I have a list of instructions in my pocket."

"I am glad to know that you speak perfect English," smiled Moltke. The F.B.I. has been very busy lately and naturally they are very suspicious of all foreign accents. Let me have the list."

The spies grouped around a table in the center of the room and pored over every detail of their plans. From time to time Moltke would turn away and point to a large map hanging on the wall behind him. Finally, Moltke folded the papers and placed them in the drawer of the table.

"Excellent," he beamed. "It appears to be a fool-proof plan. You men had better rest tonight and we will start operations tomorrow. Remember the instructions; Bermann and Heinig will blow up the Broton Dam; Wolf and Nerlinger will destroy the railroad junction at Harpersburg."

"Ho-ho!" laughed Heinig. "That will be a wonderful start. After that we will blaze a trail of terror and destruction across the entire United States. Heil Hitler!"

"Heil America!" The Blue Beetle's voice boomed through the room as he leaped through the window.

"Achi Vass isi!" The Nazis reverted to their native tongue as they shrunk back in terror at the sudden appearance of America's ace crime-fighter.

"Hiya, Moltke!" grinned the Blue Beetle as he bounded across the room, his keen eyes taking in every detail of his opponents' movements. "I've been checking on you for months, and now—I've got you and the nucleus of your vicious spy ring!"

"Not yet you haven't!" snarled Moltke as he

reached for his gun.

But the Blue Beetle was an old hand at gun-play and, before the hurly German could draw, the fearless spy-smasher laid him low with a shattering uppercut.

Instantly the others were upon him and he went down under the impact of the attack. As he struggled valiantly against three of the spies, Nerlinger picked up a table lamp and sent it crashing down on the Blue Beetle's head.

By this time, Moltke had recovered consciousness and now he rose from the floor snarling with rage.

"The swine!" he exploded. "If he had succeeded in obtaining those papers, every one of us would have been shot and der Fuehrer's plan of world conquest would have been seriously hampered!"

"We will have to get rid of him!" said Heinig grimly.

"Leave that to me," hissed Moltke as he reached into a closet and withdrew a coil of rope. Then the spy leader crouched beside the Blue Beetle and bound his arms and legs.

"Pick him up and follow me," he commanded as he started out the door.

The town clock struck midnight as officer Mike Mannigan patrolled his beat along the waterfront.

"Bejehbers," he lamented, "I haven't had a bit of excitement in two days; no robberies, no killin's—no nothin'! It's home in bed I ought to be!"

But Mannigan would have excitement before the night was over. He gasped with surprise as he saw five men walking toward the end of the dock.

"Now I don't like the looks of this at all," he murmured. "Holy smokes! They're carrying a man—and they're goin' to throw him off the dock!"

Mike set his jaw grimly and ran toward the spot as fast as his short legs could carry him.

"Hold on, ye skunks! I've caught ye in the act—yer under arrest!"

The spies, who were about to throw the Blue Beetle into the river, turned in astonishment and dropped the crime-fighter.

"A cop!" rasped Moltke. "Let 'im have it!" Heinig drew his automatic and fired. But his aim was poor and the bullet whistled harmlessly over the officer's head.

"Oho, so ye want to kill me, eh!" ranted Mannigan. "Well, I'll show ye!" And with that Mike grasped his night-stick and heaved with all his strength.

A howl of pain awoke the echoes of the waterfront, for the club flew straight and true. It clunked Heinig on the back of the skull and the spy fell directly on top of the Blue Beetle, jarring the latter into consciousness. He opened his eyes and, above him, he could hear the sounds of battle as Mannigan hurtled into the fray.

The Blue Beetle rolled over and as he did so he felt a piece of ragged wire cable beneath him. Rubbing his wrists against the rough cable, he soon broke his bonds and then untied his feet.

"Here I come, Mike!" he shouted as he landed a crushing wallop on Wolf's jaw.

"The Blue Beetle!" shouted Mannigan. "I'll take care of you later!" Mike brought up his fist and rocked Nerlinger's head with a solid blow.

"No—No! Don't hit me!" cried the cowardly Moltke as he backed away in fear.

"You've got this coming to you!" snapped the Blue Beetle and sent his fist crashing against Moltke's jaw. The spy leader emitted a low groan and sank to the ground.

"Well, it looks like everything is in hand," laughed the Blue Beetle. "You'll find the sabotage plans these fellows brought over with them at 44 Elm Street. Goodnight, Mike!"

With these parting words, the ace nemesis of crime darted away from the scene.

"Come back, ye blue devil," shouted Mike. "Durn it, he's gone. Bedad, I'd give a year's pay to find out who that lad is!"

W MAN



PARIS ---
THE HEAVY TREAD
OF NAZI BOOTS ECHOES
THROUGH A STREET
OF THE OCCUPIED
CAPITAL!

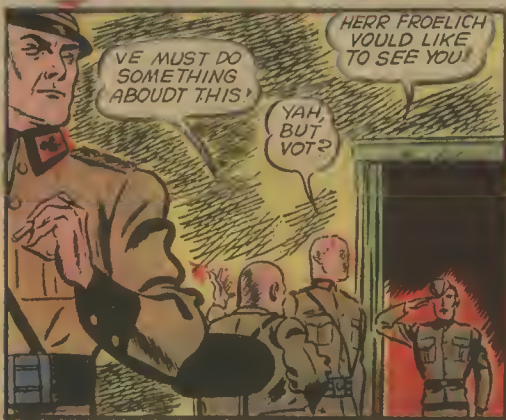
ON THE ROOF OF A NEAR-BY BUILDING, THREE MEN WAIT WITH HAND GRENADES -- THE UNDERGROUND!

AWA-THES WILL GIVE ME A PLEASURE!

PATIENCE, WAIT TILL I GIVE THE SIGNAL!

SUDDENLY!

THAT NIGHT, A GERMAN OFFICER RETURNS TO HIS QUARTERS, WHISTLING A MERRY TUNE!



THREE OFF DER MEN RE-
-SPONSIBLE LIVE IN A TOWN
CALLED STE. GABRIEL--UFF
COURSE, VE COULDN'T EXPECT
TO FIND THEM THERE NOW,
BUT IF SOMETHING WERE
TO HAPPEN TO
-AH-- THEIR
FAMILIES--



TAKE A REGIMENT
UFF SOLDIERS UND
MARCH TO STE.
GABRIEL--KILL
EVERYBODY IN
DER TOWN!



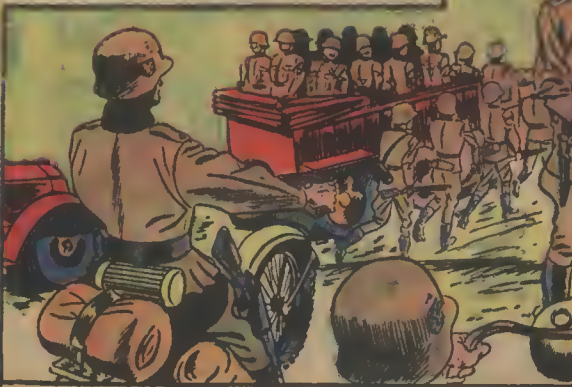
HELLO-V-MAN?--LISTEN
I MUST TALK QUICKLY--
SOMEONE MAY
HEAR--



THEY'RE GOING TO WIPE OUT
A WHOLE TOWN? WHY THE
DIRTY--OKAY, I'LL GET TO
WORK ON IT RIGHT AWAY--
GOOD WORK, FRANZ--
AU REVOIR!



THREE HOURS LATER --- A NAZI REGIMENT
APPROACHES THE VILLAGE OF STE. GABRIEL!



SURROUND DER
VILLAGE UND TAKE
EVERYONE PRISONER!



SLOWLY STEALTHILY THE NAZI SOLDIERS
CONVERGE ON THE VILLAGE?



VEPE ISS
EVERYBODY?

ACH, DER
PLACE
LOOKS
DESERTED!

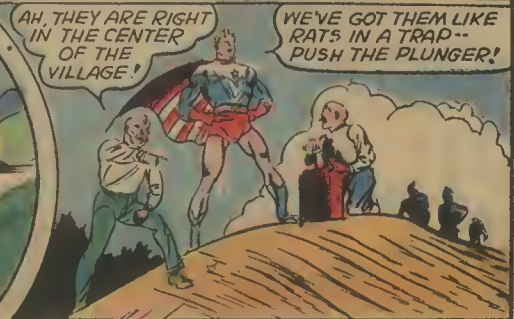


DER OCCUPANTS MUST
HAVE FLED TO DER HILLS--
FOOLS, THEY CANNOT GET
AWAY-- VE VILL FOLLOW UND
FIND THEM EVENTUALLY!

THE VILLAGE IS DESERTED, BUT ON A NEAR-BY HILL,
V-MAN AND HIS COMPANIONS PREPARE TO SET OFF A
HIDDEN CHARGE OF DYNAMITE!

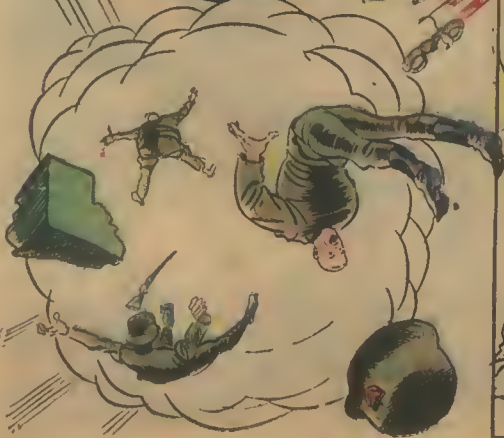
AH, THEY ARE RIGHT
IN THE CENTER
OF THE
VILLAGE!

WE'VE GOT THEM LIKE
RATS IN A TRAP--
PUSH THE PLUNGER!



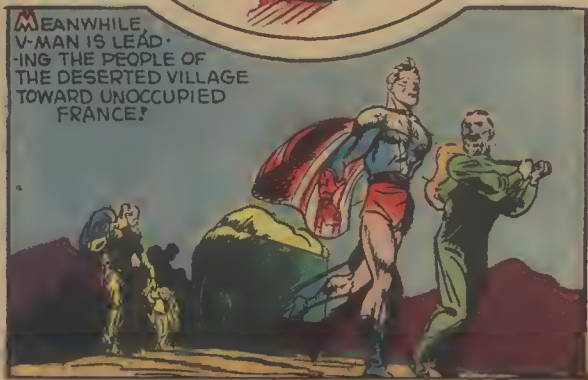
HA, HA, INSTEAD
OF THE QUARRY,
THE HUNTERS
HAVE BEEN
KILLED!

WE MUST EVACUATE THE
INHABITANTS TO UNOCCU-
PIED TOWN BEFORE
IT IS TOO LATE-- COME,
WE MUST HURRY!

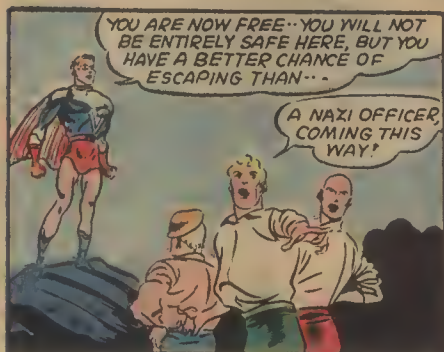
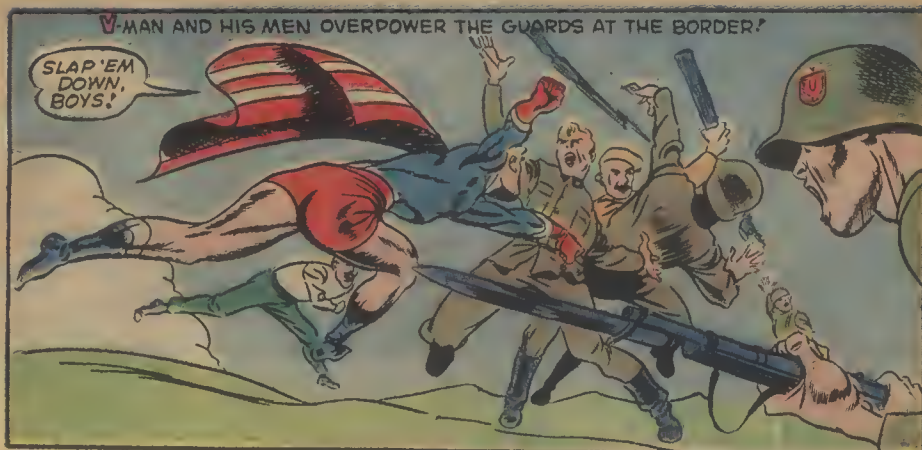




MEANWHILE,
V-MAN IS LEAD-
ING THE PEOPLE OF
THE DESERTED VILLAGE
TOWARD UNOCCUPIED
FRANCE!



V-MAN AND HIS MEN OVERPOWER THE GUARDS AT THE BORDER?



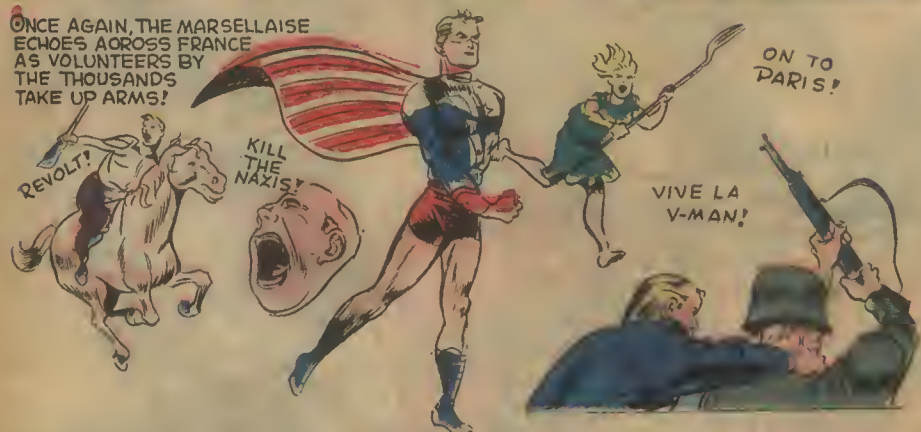
AS THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN
CONTINUE ON INTO FREE FRANCE
THE MEN STAY BEHIND WITH
V-MAN!



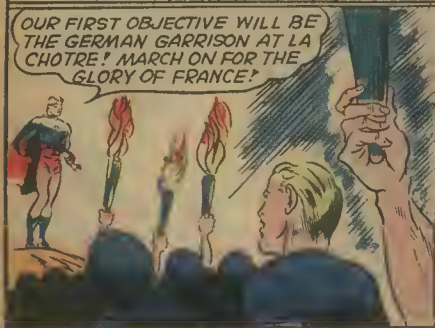
RECKLESS COURIERS CARRY
THE NEWS TO EVERY PROV-
-INCE OF FRANCE!



ONCE AGAIN, THE MARSELLAISE
ECHOES ACROSS FRANCE
AS VOLUNTEERS BY
THE THOUSANDS
TAKE UP ARMS!



THREE NIGHTS LATER, AT A SECRET
RENDEZVOUS IN THE HILLS!



At HEADQUARTERS IN THE NAZI GARRISON!



THAT NIGHT, THE NAZI GARRISON IS SHROUDED IN DARKNESS - A LONE SENTRY WALKS HIS POST!

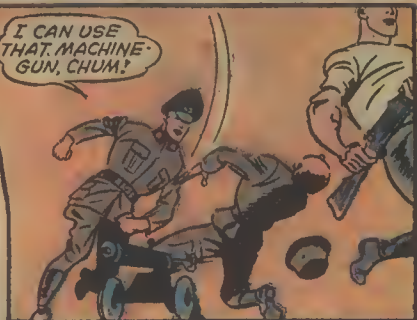
I'VE GOT HIM!
FORWARD MEN!



STEP
LIVELY!

CHARGEZ!

I CAN USE
THAT MACHINE-
GUN, CHUM!



IT'S DER 'V'
GROUP-- SOUND
DER ALARM!

FRENCH
GUERRILLAS!



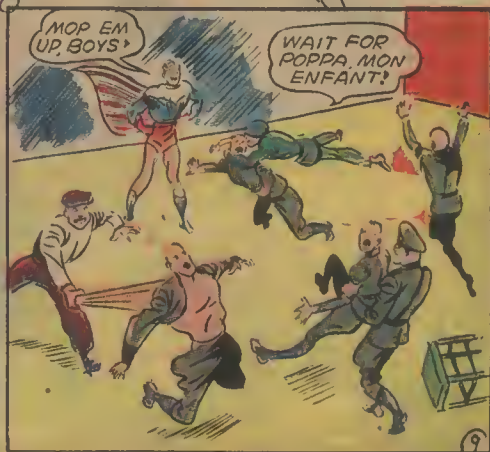
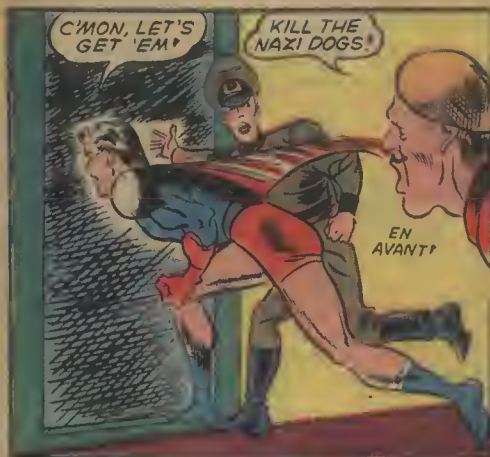
HERE
THEY
COME!

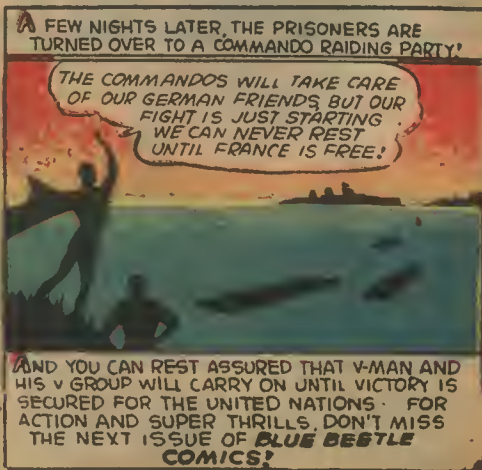
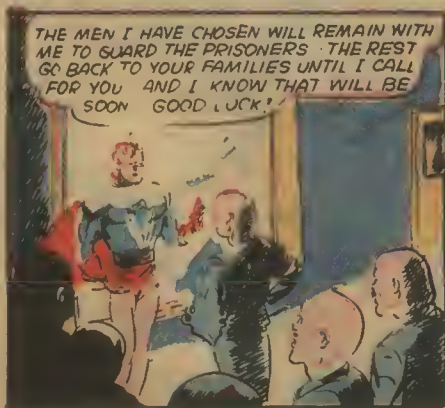
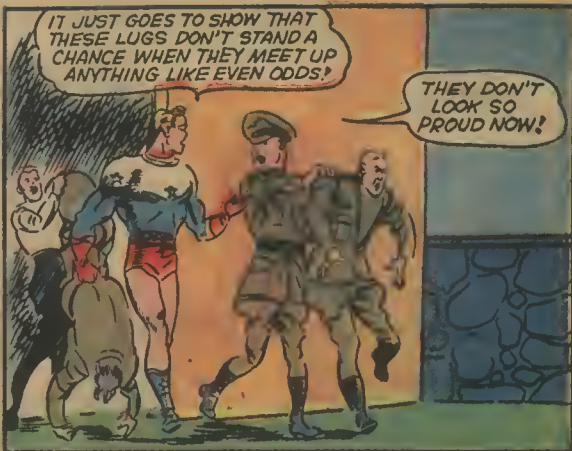
LET 'EM
HAVE IT!



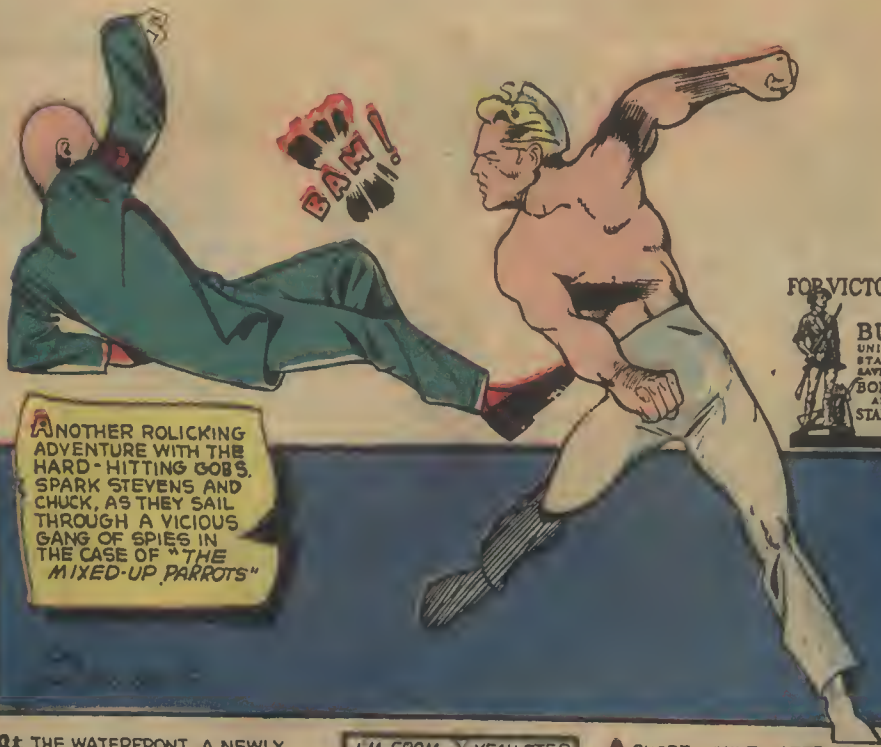
YIPE! DONNERVETER!
OUTT OFF MY VAY!
YELL UP!







SPARK STEVENS

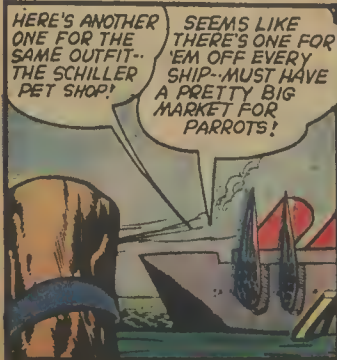


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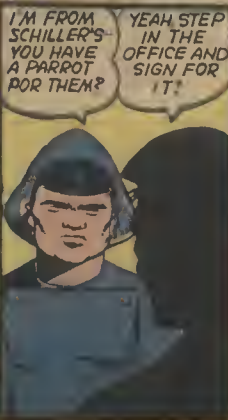
ANOTHER ROLICKING ADVENTURE WITH THE HARD-HITTING GOBS. SPARK STEVENS AND CHUCK, AS THEY SAIL THROUGH A VICIOUS GANG OF SPIES IN THE CASE OF "THE MIXED-UP PARROTS"

At THE WATERFRONT, A NEWLY ARRIVED CARGO SHIP IS UNLOADED!



HERE'S ANOTHER ONE FOR THE SAME OUTFIT--THE SCHILLER PET SHOP!

SEEMS LIKE THERE'S ONE FOR 'EM OFF EVERY SHIP--MUST HAVE A PRETTY BIG MARKET FOR PARROTS!



I'M FROM SCHILLER'S-- YOU HAVE A PARROT FOR THEM?

YEAH STEP IN THE OFFICE AND SIGN FOR IT!

A SHORT WHILE LATER AT SCHILLER'S PET SHOP--!



AH, HERE COMES YOUR BIRD NOW!

GOOT?-- I VILL PAY FOR HIM NOW!



LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU EXPECT ANOTHER SHIPMENT, SCHILLER, I CAN USE ALL YOU GET!

CERTAINLY, CERTAINLY!

JUST OUTSIDE, SPARKS AND CHUCK APPROACH WITH THEIR MISCHIEVOUS PET, SQUAK!

C'MON, CHUCK, WE'LL GO INTO SCHILLER'S AND GET SOME CHOW FOR LOUDMOUTH!

OUR LAST FOUR BITS AND WE GOTTA SPEND IT ON THIS LUG!

LEMME OUT, THIS IS A FREE COUNTRY!

AS THEY STEP INTO THE DOORWAY, THEY COLLIDE WITH A FIGURE LEAVING HURRIEDLY!



ACH!

DOPS!

CRAWK!

OWW, THERE GOES THE HALF-DOLLAR!



FOOLS, BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU GO NEXT TIME!

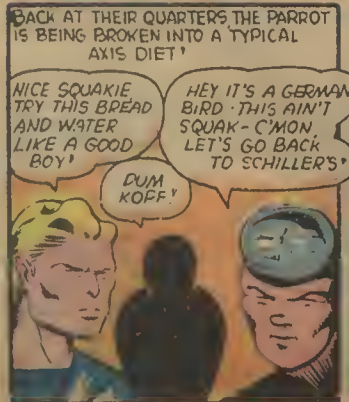
LISTEN TO HIM YELL - THERE GOES OUR LAST FOUR BITS, AND THE PARROT'S FOOD!



THEN LET HIM GO WITH -GUT FOOD!

WHY, I'LL TEAR HIM TO--

NIX, CHUCK, LET THINGS GO! C'MON, WE'LL TAKE SQUAK HOME AND FEED HIM BREAD AND WATER!

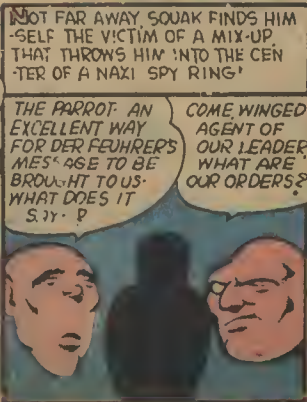


BACK AT THEIR QUARTERS THE PARROT IS BEING BROKEN INTO A TYPICAL AXIS DIET!

NICE SQUAKIE TRY THIS BREAD AND WATER LIKE A GOOD BOY!

HEY IT'S A GERMAN BIRD - THIS AIN'T SQUAK - C'MON, LET'S GO BACK TO SCHILLER'S!

DUM KOFF!



NOT FAR AWAY SQUAK FINDS HIMSELF THE VICTIM OF A MIX-UP, THAT THROWS HIM INTO THE CENTER OF A NAZI SPY RING!

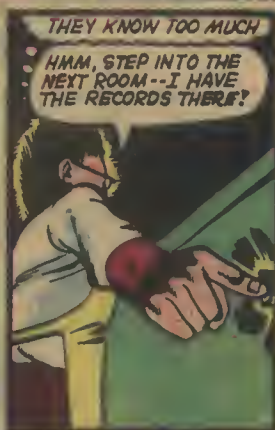
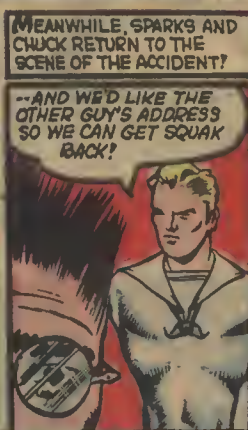
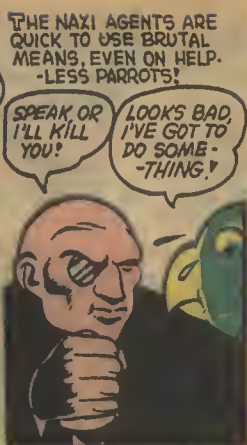
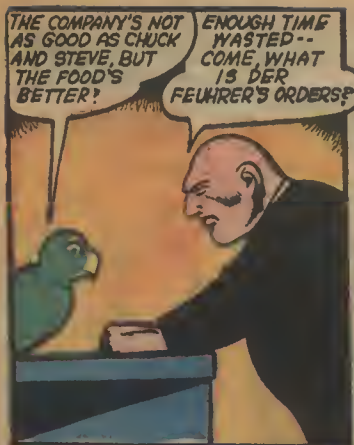
THE PARROT: AN EXCELLENT WAY FOR DER FEUHRER'S MEN TO BE BROUGHT TO US - WHAT DOES IT SAY?

COME WINGED AGENT OF OUR LEADER, WHAT ARE OUR ORDERS?

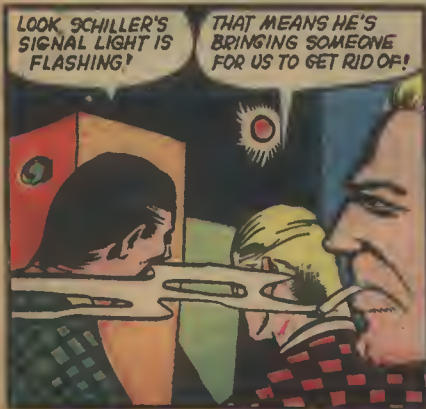


GO TO BLAXES, I WANT MY CHOW!

HIMMEL! DER OCEAN TRIP HAS MADE HIM HUNGRY - QUICK - GET SOME FOOD!



MEANWHILE, IN THE ADJOINING ROOM--



ACH! I CRACK
HIS HEAD TO--

OH, A TOUGH
GUY, EH?



OOPS--
MISSED!

HERE'S YOUR
TRAP RAT!



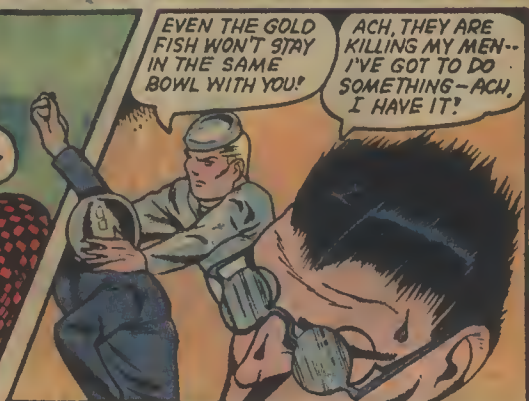
IT'S THE DOS-
HOUSE FOR
YOU, MUG!

YIPE
YIPE!



EVEN THE GOLD
FISH WON'T STAY
IN THE SAME
BOWL WITH YOU!

ACH, THEY ARE
KILLING MY MEN--
I'VE GOT TO DO
SOMETHING--ACH,
I HAVE IT!



HERE, CHEW ON THE
CORN A WHILE-- GRAB
THE PARROT MEN, AND
BEAT IT!

OOPFF!

ALL WE DO IS WANT TO RE-
TURN A PARROT AND WE
RUN INTO A MESS OF
TROUBLE-- SOME-
THING FISHY
GOING ON HERE?

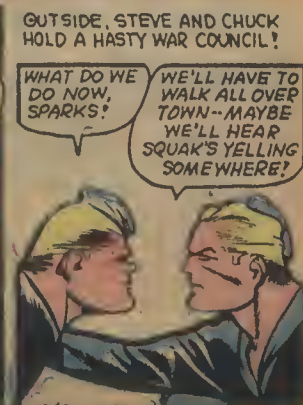
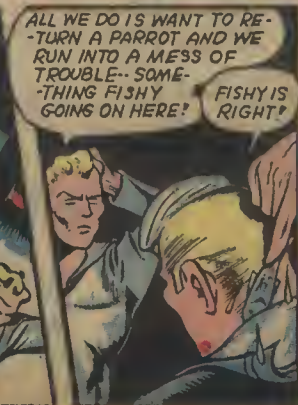
FISHY IS
RIGHT!



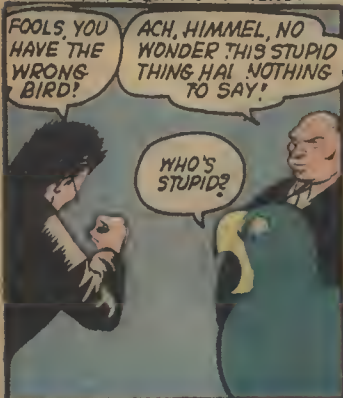
OUTSIDE, STEVE AND CHUCK
HOLD A HASTY WAR COUNCIL!

WHAT DO WE
DO NOW,
SPARKS?

WE'LL HAVE TO
WALK ALL OVER
TOWN--MAYBE
WE'LL HEAR
SQUAK'S YELLING
SOMEWHERE?



THE CRAFTY SCHILLER, HAVING RESCUED HIS MEN, PROCEEDS WITH THE MESSAGE-BEARING PARROT TO THE DEN OF SQUAK'S CAPTORS!



STUNNED BY THE FALL, SQUAK LAGGERS ABOUT THE STREET!



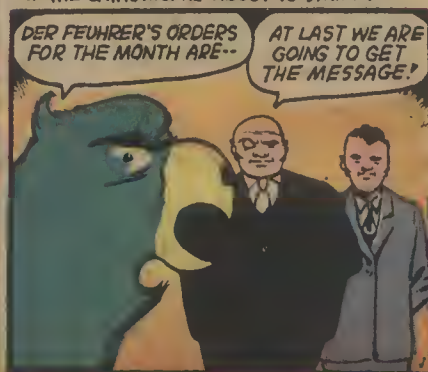
AS USUAL, THE NAVY ARRIVES IN THE NICK OF TIME!



IT'S A PLOT--THEY'RE LOOKING FOR A MESSAGE!



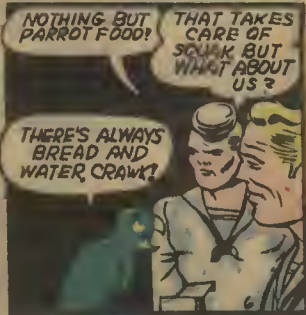
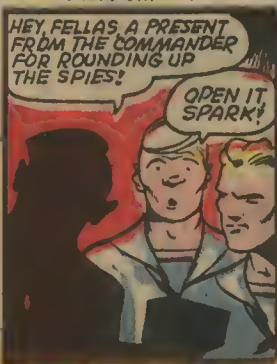
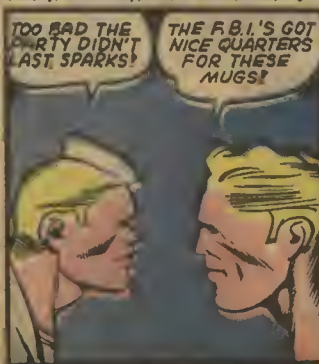
UPSTAIRS, SCHILLER AND HIS TREACHEROUS BAND GO ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS, UNAWARE OF THE CATASTROPHE ABOUT TO STRIKE!





AND SOON THE SMOKE OF BATTLE CLEARS AWAY, LEAVING SCHILLER AND HIS GANG, A CRUMPLED HEAP!

LATER, AS SPARKS, CHUCK AND SQUAK RETURN TO THEIR SHIP--!



MORE FUN AND ACTION WITH SPARK STEVENS IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF BLUE BEETLE COMICS!

THE BLUE BEETLE



FROM THE PRIVATE FILES OF PATROLMAN GARRET COMES THE FANTASTIC TALE OF A hideous vampire! MEN DISAPPEARED WHEN THE HORRIBLE CREATURE STALKED THROUGH THE NIGHT, BUT THE "BLUE BEETLE" AND "SPARKY" TRACKED DOWN THE FIEND TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF "THE BLOODLESS BODIES"

SERIE DARKNESS ENVELOPS THE CITY STREET, A LONE FIGURE WALKS SILENTLY--OVERHEAD, AN OMINOUS SHADOW FOLLOWS--!



ONCE AGAIN, THE NIGHT IS SILENT EXCEPT FOR THE FLAPPING OF THE VAMPIRE'S WINGS AS IT FLIES OFF WITH ITS UNCONSCIOUS VICTIM!



NEXT NIGHT, A GROUP OF MOVIE-GOERS LEAVE THE LOCAL THEATRE!

HORACE BARLOFF...

VAMPIRE'S VENUE

VAMPIRE'S-- BAH, NONSENSE!

I GUESS YOU JUST DON'T CARE FOR THE MYSTERIES OF LIFE!



SUDDENLY

JOHN! LOOK-- IT'S A VAMPIRE!



GOOD HEAVENS, IT IS!-- QUICK, RUN INTO THAT BUILDING-- WE'LL--



RUN MARY, SAVE YOURSELF! YIIII! LET ME GO!

HELP! HELP! JOHN--HELP, POLICE!

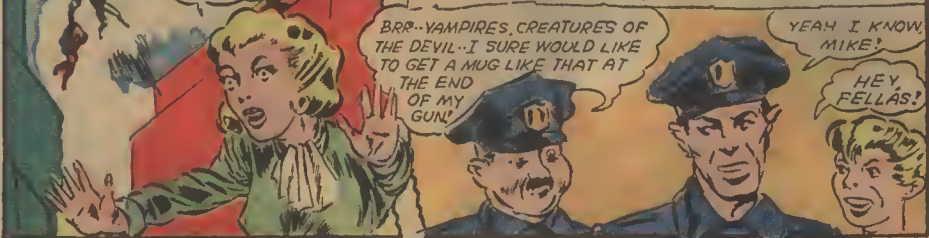


SEVERAL NIGHTS LATER, AS THE VAMPIRE MENACE CONTINUES, PATROLMAN DAN GARRET AND MIKE MANNIGAN POUND THEIR BEAT ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR YOUNG ENGLISH FRIEND, SPARKINGTON!

BRR--VAMPIRES, CREATURES OF THE DEVIL--I SURE WOULD LIKE TO GET A MUG LIKE THAT AT THE END OF MY GUN!

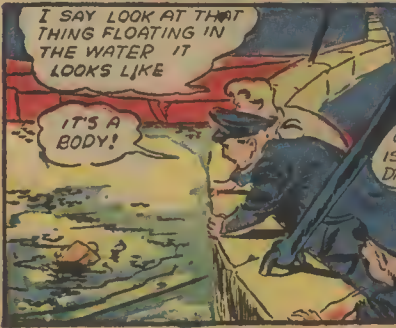
YEAH I KNOW, MIKE!

HEY FELLAS!



I SAY LOOK AT THAT THING FLOATING IN THE WATER IT LOOKS LIKE

IT'S A BODY!



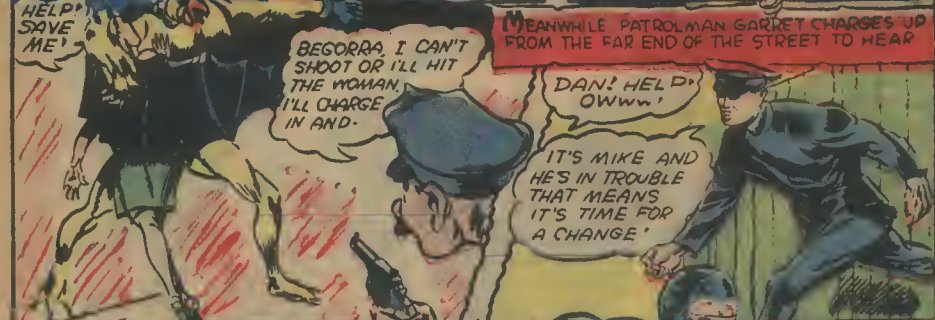
WHY, IT'S DRY, SHRIVELED!

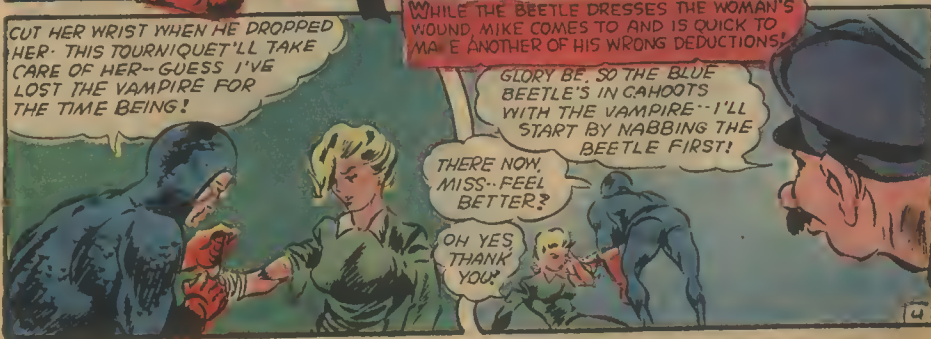
BLOODLESS, THAT'S WHAT IT IS!

GLORY BE, IT IS-- COME ALONG, DANNY, WE'LL GIVE A LOOK!

BLAST ME, IF IT ISN'T LIKE THE TALES OF THE OLD VAMPIRES THRIVING ON HUMAN BLOOD-- HMM-- WONDER WHAT NEXT?







O.K. BEETLE, YOUR WORK WITH THE VAMPIRE IS OVER?

SORRY TO UPSET YOU, MANNIGAN?

MISSED HIM, BESORRA. HE'S LIKE GREASED LIGHTING --
HMM, WHERE'S DAN? --
GLORY BE, THE VAMPIRE MUST HAVE CARRIED HIM OFF?

THE INJURED WOMAN TAKEN CARE OF, MIKE PHONES HEADQUARTERS!

SHORE, SARGE, THE BEETLE AND THE VAMPIRE ARE WORKING TOGETHER -- THEY'VE GOT DAN GARRET!

SORRY, BUT I'VE GOT WORK ELSEWHERE!

QUICKLY -- A GENERAL ALARM IS ISSUED!

CALLING ALL CARS -- BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR PATROLMAN GARRET -- BELIEVED TO BE IN THE HANDS OF THE BEETLE AND THE VAMPIRE

At HOME, SPARKINGTON PICKS UP A BROADCAST DIRECT TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC!

-- AND ALL CITIZENS ARE URGED TO REMAIN IN-DOORS WHILE THE SEARCH FOR THE BEETLE AND THE VAMPIRE CONTINUES!

SWIFTLY, THE TIMID ENGLISH LAD ADOPTS HIS SECRET ROLE OF THE BLUE BEETLE'S ASSISTANT!

FROM HERE ON IT'S THE BLUE BEETLE AND SPARKY!

UNAWARE OF THE INTENSIVE SEARCH MADE FOR HIM, THE BLUE BEETLE CONTINUES TO PURSUE THE DEADLY VAMPIRE!

THERE HE IS!
I'VE CLIPPED
HIS WINGS SO
HE CAN'T FLY.
NOW I'LL CLIP
HIS CLAWS!

BUT AS THE BEETLE CLOSES IN TO
MAKE THE KILL--

HEY MOIPH! LOOK,
THE BLUE
BEETLE!

PLAYED RIGHT
INTO OUR HANDS,
C'MON, WE'LL
GIVE HIM A
TASTE OF LEAD!

DON'T STAND THERE,
YOU'RE LETTING THE
VAMPIRE ESCAPE!

YOU'RE NOT TALKING
YOUR WAY OUT OF
THIS--WE'RE GONNA
GIVE A LOOK UNDER
THAT
MASK!

OUCH!
MY ARM!

YA' NIPPED
HIM, MOIPH!
C'MON, WE'LL
NAB HIM!

BANG!
BANG!

BUT BEFORE THE PATROL MEN CAN REACH THE BEETLE'S
MAK TO R MOVE IT--

SPARKY!
AND IN THE
NICK OF
TIME!

NICE NIGHT
FOR A
BLACKOUT!

QUICK! IN HERE,
BEETLE--WE'LL GIVE
'EM THE SLIP!

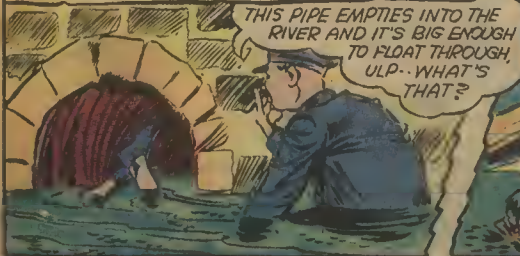
THERE THEY GO--GOOD, WE'RE RID OF THEM!
NOW WE'RE GOING TO CATCH UP WITH THE
FLYING VAMPIRE!

HIS FLYING DAYS ARE OVER
LAST TIME I SMASHED THE
HELICOPTER ON THE BACK OF
HIM, THIS TIME, I'LL SMASH
HIM!

SO THAT'S HOW HE FLEW, PROPELLED
THROUGH THE AIR BY A MACHINE--
BUT, WHAT'S NEXT, BEETLE?

THE BLOODLESS BODIES
WERE WASHED INTO THE
RIVER FROM SOME SEWER!
IT'S UP TO US TO FIND OUT
WHERE THEY COME FROM!

WHILE THE BLUE BEETLE AND SPARKY RACE TO THE RIVER FRONT, PATROLMAN MANNIGAN CONDUCTS A LONE SEARCH!



GLORY BE-- ANOTHER ONE! THAT MEANS THE VAMPIRE'S HIDEOUT IS HERE-- AND THIS PIPE'LL LEAD ME TO IT!



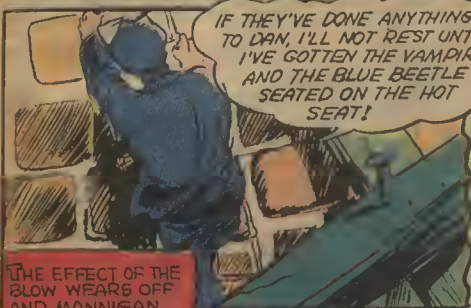
BRR-- THIS PLACE GIVES ME THE CREEPS!



THE LADDER! THAT'S HOW THE FIEND GETS IN AND OUT!



IF THEY'VE DONE ANYTHING TO DAN, I'LL NOT REST UNTIL I'VE GOTTEN THE VAMPIRE AND THE BLUE BEETLE SEATED ON THE HOT SEAT!

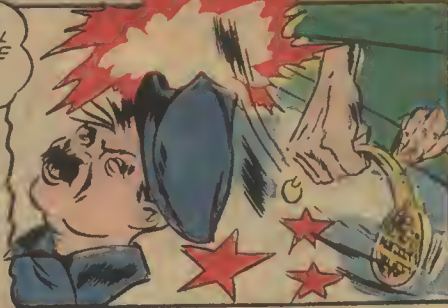


THE EFFECT OF THE BLOW WEARS OFF AND MANNIGAN FINDS HIMSELF A PRISONER!

DOCTOR GRIME! YOU WERE REPORTED DEAD SIX WEEKS AFTER YOU WERE EXPELLED FROM THE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE!



PART OF MY PLAN! THEY REFUSED ME BLOOD TO CONDUCT MY EXPERIMENTS, SO I PLAYED DEAD TO WORK THIS VAMPIRE SCHEME-- YOU ARE THE LAST VICTIM, FOR NOW I HAVE ENOUGH BLOOD--!



--TO BRING BACK TO LIFE THIS REPLICA OF ANCIENT EGYPT-- I'VE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT BLOOD WOULD RESTORE IT TO LIFE AND NOW I'M READY TO PROVE IT!



MEANWHILE, THE BLUE BEETLE AND SPARKY REACH THE SEWER MAIN IN THEIR SEARCH FOR THE VAMPIRE!

KEEP LOOKING, SPARKY, WE'RE BOUND TO FIND SOME CLUE!

BEETLE, LOOK! A POLICEMAN'S CAP!

IT'S MIKE'S SHIELD-- THE VAMPIRE'S GOT HIM-- QUICK, INSIDE THE PIPE!

SPARKY, IT'S MIKE--AND HE'S IN TROUBLE!

OVER THERE BEETLE--THERE'S A LADDER!

HELP!

C'MON, SPARKY THERE'S THE GUY WE WANT!

ULP... I'M DOUBLY COOKED-- THE BEETLE'S HERE!

BAH! I'LL MAKE SHORT WORK OF THE TWO OF THEM!

DROP THAT NEEDLE!

DUMMY MEETS MUMMY!

FREEING ME WON'T SAVE YOU BEETLE. I'M GONNA TURN YOU IN FOR KIDNAPPING ME BUDDY, DAN!

I'LL OOPSS THE LITTLE DEVIL TRIPPED ME!

LATER ON THE BEAT!

THE BEETLE KONKED ME AND DRAGGED ME INTO THE HOUSE WHEN I CAME TO YOU WERE GONE!

CAPTURIN THE VAMPIRE WAS A COVER UP FOR HIS CRIMES AND SHORE AS ME NAME IS MIKE I'LL PUT HIM AND HIS BRAT BE HIND BARS!

NICE FALL MIKE, YOU'D BETTER TURN IN YOUR OTHER PRISONER C'MON, SPARKY!

LIEUTENANT EDWARD HENRY O'HARE

LIEUTENANT EDWARD HENRY O'HARE, BORN MARCH 13, 1914, GRADUATED FROM THE NAVAL ACADEMY IN 1937, AND ON FEBRUARY 20, 1942, THE NAME O'HARE WAS BLAZED ACROSS THE SKIES TO BECOME A SYMBOL OF DARING AND BRAVERY TO THE MEN OF AMERICA'S FIGHTING FORCES. FOR ON THAT DAY, LIEUT. O'HARE ESTABLISHED THE GREATEST AMERICAN NAVAL FLYING RECORD -- WRITTEN IN THE ACRID SMOKE OF SIX JAPANESE PLANES SENT CRASHING TO A WATERY GRAVE -- WE TURN BACK THE PAGES OF TIME TO THAT DAY -- !

FEBRUARY 16th SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC, ABOARD AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER

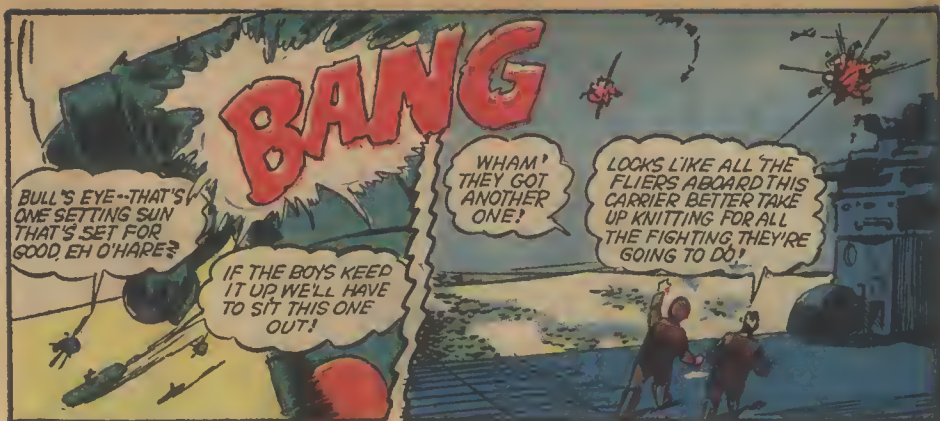
THE PACIFIC SURE IS A BEAUTIFUL OCEAN, EH O'HARE?

YEAH. BUT ITS' BEAUTY IS MARRED BY THE THINGS THAT ARE WAITING TO STRIKE

SUDDENLY, THE PEACEFUL STILLNESS IS BROKEN!

YOU SURE CALLED THAT SHOT, O'HARE, LOOKS LIKE WE'RE IN FOR ACTION!



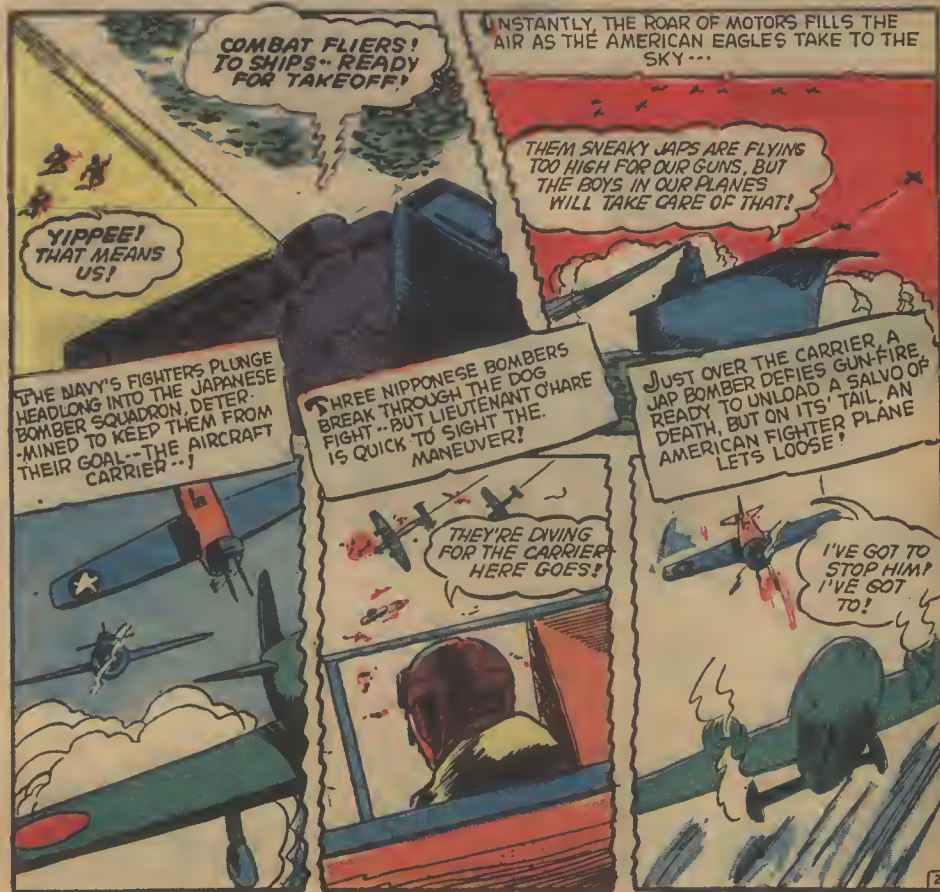


BULL'S EYE--THAT'S ONE SETTING SUN THAT'S SET FOR GOOD, EH O'HARE?

IF THE BOYS KEEP IT UP WE'LL HAVE TO SIT THIS ONE OUT!

WHAM! THEY GOT ANOTHER ONE!

LOOKS LIKE ALL THE FLIERS ABOARD THIS CARRIER BETTER TAKE UP KNITTING FOR ALL THE FIGHTING THEY'RE GOING TO DO!



COMBAT FLIERS! TO SHIPS--READY FOR TAKEOFF!

INSTANTLY, THE ROAR OF MOTORS FILLS THE AIR AS THE AMERICAN EAGLES TAKE TO THE SKY...

THEM SNEAKY JAPS ARE FLYING TOO HIGH FOR OUR GUNS, BUT THE BOYS IN OUR PLANES WILL TAKE CARE OF THAT!

YIPPEE! THAT MEANS US!

THE NAVY'S FIGHTERS PLUNGE HEADLONG INTO THE JAPANESE BOMBER SQUADRON, DETERMINED TO KEEP THEM FROM THEIR GOAL--THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER--!

THREE NIPPONESE BOMBERS BREAK THROUGH THE DOG FIGHT--BUT LIEUTENANT O'HARE IS QUICK TO SIGHT THE MANEUVER!

JUST OVER THE CARRIER, A JAP BOMBER DEFIES GUN-FIRE READY TO UNLOAD A SALVO OF DEATH, BUT ON ITS' TAIL, AN AMERICAN FIGHTER PLANE LETS LOOSE!

THEY'RE DIVING FOR THE CARRIER HERE GOES!

I'VE GOT TO STOP HIM! I'VE GOT TO!

RISKING A.A. FIRE FROM HIS OWN CARRIER, LIEUTENANT O'HARE OPENS UP WITH A DEADLY BARRAGE--!

THE GIANT AIR BASE OF THE SEA SWERVES SHARPLY AND NARROWLY MISSES BEING HIT!

BULL'S EYE--HE'S THROUGH, BUT HE'S GOING TO FALL ON THE CARRIER!

THANKS TO O'HARE AND THE SKIPPER WE'RE STILL IN ONE PIECE!

CRASH!

BUT THE BATTLE IS BY NO MEANS OVER, ANOTHER JAP BOMBER STRIKES!

As O'HARE ZOOMS IN TO MAKE THE KILL, A JAP GUNNER DRAWS A BEAD ON HIM--!

YOU MISSED JAPPY, AND THAT'S YOUR LAST CHANCE--I'M GOING TO...

WE MISS SHIP BUT NOW GET PLANE INSTEAD!

THE GUNNER PASSES THE TRIGGER, BUT THE QUICK THINKING O'HARE PULLS A SENSATIONAL FEAT AS HE LEAP FROGS HIS PLANE OUT OF THE RANGE OF FIRE!

SWIFTLY THE AMERICAN EAGLE RETALIATES WITH DEADLY ACCURACY!

VIPPER...!

HIM FLY LIKE A DEVIL--CAN'T BE HIT!

THAT'S FOR PEARL HARBOR!

AAAGGH...

WITH TWO SHIPS TO HIS CREDIT, LIEUTENANT O'HARE NOSES UPWARD TO REJOIN HIS COMRADES LOCKED IN A DOG-FIGHT!

HE JUST GOT ANOTHER
O'HARE SURE IS GOING
GREAT GUNS TO-DAY!
LOOKS LIKE THE
JAPS PICKED A
BAD DAY TO
ATTACK!

TWO LEFT,
THAT OUGHT
TO BE EASY,
I'LL--

TOO BAD--GOTTA'
LET 'EM GO--NO
MORE GAS!

EMPTY

THE DEFEATED JAPS FLEE IN TERROR,
AND THE AMERICAN EAGLES RETURN
TO THEIR CARRIER?

THAT'S QUICK
WORK OF THE
SAP--JAP!

HOW MANY
NOTCHES IN
YOUR BELT
THIS TIME,
LIEUTENANT?

THREE, BUT
I FEEL I
CAN DO
BETTER!

THE BREATHING SPELL IS
SHORT-LIVED AS THE MEN OF
THE RISING SUN RETURN TO
AVENGE A BITTER DEFEAT!

THE SQUADRON RETURNING--
FIGHTER PLANES READY FOR
THE TAKE-OFF!

THAT MEANS ME,
AND I'M RARIN'
TO GO!

BUT ONLY TWO AMERICAN
SHIPS COMPLETE THE TAKE
OFF!

LOOK! ONE OF THE PLANES
IS DISABLED--THE OTHERS
CAN'T TAKE OFF THE
RUNAWAY!

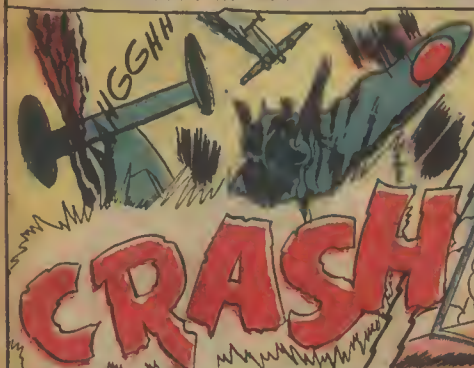
ON THE AIR THE TWO EAGLES
MAKE LIGHT OF THE GRIM
SITUATION!

HEY, O'HARE, LOOKS LIKE LUCK'S
WITH US--WE'RE GOING TO DO
IT BY OURSELVES!

WHAT! US TWO AGAINST NINE
JAPS--EASY, WE'LL HOLD THEM
OFF UNTIL THE
GANG GETS
HERE!

IN A FEW SECONDS, TWO JAP BOMBERS ARE SENT TO A WATERY GRAVE--!

BUT LIEUTENANT O'HARE'S CO-PILOT IS IN TROUBLE!



GAD!-- IT WOULD HAPPEN NOW!

CLICK CLICK

MY GUN'S JAMMED, O'HARE-- IT'S UP TO YOU TO KEEP THEM FROM THE CARRIER!

LIKE A STREAK OF LIGHTNING, O'HARE CLOSES THE GAP BETWEEN HIMSELF AND THE ENEMY!

TIME TO SAY IT WITH BULLETS!

O.K. PAL-- HERE GOES EVERYTHING!

BURNING LEAD TEARS THROUGH THE JAP BOMBER!

AND NOW TO COOL OFF THE OTHER HOT MIKADO!

O'HARE BANKS AND DIVES HIS PLANE AND INSTANTLY BOTH PLANES ARE LOCKED IN MORTAL COMBAT!

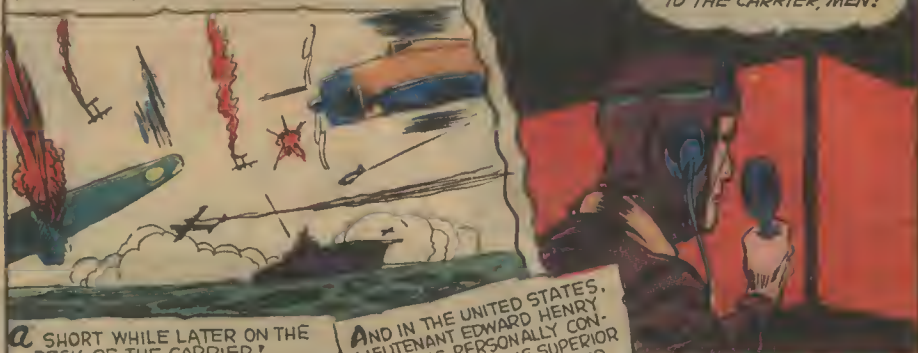
MUST STOP AMERICAN DEVIL, OR ALL IS LOST--!



BUT LIEUTENANT O'HARE'S SPITTING GUNS
STRIKE WITH DEADLY ACCURACY--!



MEANWHILE, THE REST OF O'HARE'S FLIGHT
HAS CAUGHT UP WITH THE JAP SQUADRON
AND THE AMERICAN FIGHTERS BLAST AWAY!



A SHORT WHILE LATER ON THE
DECK OF THE CARRIER!

CONGRATULATIONS, O'HARE,
THAT WAS A RECORD
NUMBER OF PLANES
YOU SHOT DOWN!



AND IN THE UNITED STATES,
LIEUTENANT EDWARD HENRY
O'HARE IS PERSONALLY CON-
GRATULATED BY HIS SUPERIOR
OFFICER, THE COMMANDER
IN CHIEF OF THE U.S. ARMY
AND NAVY!

--OF HONOR FOR
CONSPICUOUS
GALLANTRY ABOVE
AND BEYOND
THE CALL OF
DUTY!

THANK
YOU, SIR!



LIEUTENANT EDWARD HENRY
O'HARE--THE PEOPLE OF
AMERICA SALUTE YOU AS
THE SYMBOL OF COURAGE
AND DARING IN THE FIGHT-
ING FORCES OF OUR NATION!



--SO THAT MEN LIKE YOU
WILL KEEP 'EM FLYIN'!
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WILL KEEP ON BUYING
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